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Night shift worker wins 'gold award'



LEFT:
Linda, who is a
reassuring presence
for residents during
the night, received
a gold award.

A SENIOR carer from Bridgend, who prides herself on building up a special rapport with the people she looks after during her night shifts, has struck gold in the Wales Care Awards.

Linda Kinsey (54), who has worked at the Hafod Care Association's Picton Court home in Nottage, Porthcawl for the past decade, says she loves working at night because of the special relationships she's able to develop with residents. She likes to chat intimately to them or share a laugh in the early hours if they are having trouble sleeping.

One said of her: "I always feel safe when Linda is around."

It is this dedicated approach to her caring role that saw Linda, who lives in North Cornelly, take gold in the 'Residential Care Practitioner' category of the 2017 Wales Care Awards, sponsored by the Older People's Commissioner for Wales.

The event was sponsored by Ontex Healthcare and Barchester Jobs, and the presentation ceremony was held at City Hall in Cardiff.

The awards are in association with Care Forum Wales, a not-for-profit organisation set up in 1993 to give independent care providers a single professional voice.

Linda first went into the caring profession in 1990 and recalled: "People used to say me that I'd make a lovely carer, so I tried it and loved it straight away because it made me feel good about myself."

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LOCAL STROKE CLUB CELEBRATES 30 YEARS



**PORThCAWL Stroke Club
has celebrated 30 years.**

A spokesperson said: "What an achievement, especially as it has been run, voluntarily, for all those years. Chairman Keith Duggan is still running it after more than 16 years of service and Ray Cross gave 15 years of service. Remarkable, special individuals, don't you agree?"

"Where would we be without those marvellous people (there are too many names to mention over the years, but they all know they have saved this service and kept it running) enriching their communities, giving people

quality lives. Our sincere thanks go to you all.

"A wonderful celebration was had at the Grove Golf Club where many let their hair down and had a dance. The singer was Mel who entertained us after the meal, which was delicious. There was fun and laughter and a jolly celebration was had."

"Once again we would like to thank everyone who has supported the Porthcawl Stroke Club, and may you all enjoy the festive season with family and special friends."

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Twinning association enjoys its visit to Langenau

DELEGATES from the Bridgend Town Twinning Association recently travelled to their twin town of Langenau in Germany.

This was their fourth visit of the year, having attended the St Patrick's Day celebrations at Villeneuve d'Ornon in France in March, as well as an international music festival with Cor Tabernacl in June.

A visit was also made to Hektel-Eksel in Belgium, as part of their Open Monument weekend, when their town remembers their liberation by the Welsh Guards (in September 1944) from occupying forces.

The delegates joined Cor Bro Ogrw in the visit to Langenau, where the choir sang in the 500th anniversary service of the Reformation at Martinskirche in the town.

A beautiful service in a wonderful setting, the choir performed well conducted by Rosie Howarth; their soloist was Erin Alexander, accompanied by Glenn Crooks.

During the week, everyone enjoyed visits to Ulm, where the choir sang in the Minster and where a few brave souls managed to climb to the top of the highest cathedral tower in Europe.

In Stuttgart, we were stunned by the huge Ludwigsburg Palace and the modern Mercedes Benz museum, where the display of vehicles through the years was incredible.

The Steiff museum at Geigen took us back to our childhood, and most of us had to purchase a memento of this visit. There was certainly a vast variety

of stuffed furry friends to choose from!

An evening reception was held for the delegates and choir by the Bürgermeister, Daniel Salemi, who welcomed the visitors and hoped that new projects between the towns would develop in the coming years. He was very interested in visiting Bridgend and south Wales personally.

The choir also sang in Leonardskirche in Langenau, where they joined two local choirs to entertain the town. A packed church saw the choir and their soloist Erin receive a standing ovation.

Many of the townspeople were keen to renew memories of happy times spent in Bridgend many years ago. It is hard to believe that this twinning arrangement with Langenau is almost 50 years old and is still looking forward to new exchanges.

The week ended with a journey south to the Schloss Neuschwanstein in Bavaria. Although the weather wasn't kind to us, we were all amazed at the views from the castle and really knew we'd climbed many, many steps by the end of the day.

As we returned home to Bridgend, everyone was delighted that the visit had been successful and enjoyable.

Big thanks to Mrs Lyn James for organising such a varied and interesting programme for the week and Bridgend Town Twinning Association can be assured that our links with Langenau are as strong as ever, with plans for future exchanges already being discussed.

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Readers' Letters

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Poppies should be sown again in Remembrance

IT was most pleasing to see the amount of coverage The GEM and the media gave recently to honour and remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country during wartime.

Apart from one or two columnists who think it is time we "ditched" the poppy and remembrance, it seems more and more people today want to show their respect for the fallen.

In recent years, new ideas such as the red

ceramic poppy designs at Windsor and Cardiff Castle have proved very popular and in 2014, Porthcawl Shout Forum paid BCBC £600 to seed the Danygraig and town roundabouts with a sea of real red poppies.

This was to commemorate the centenary of the start of the Great War and was endorsed and enjoyed by both residents and visitors over many weeks.

In January this year, we wrote to BCBC and asked if they would again seed the roundabouts to commemorate the end of the war in 1918. Despite our enquiries,

we are disappointed to be still awaiting an answer.

The War to end Wars is now history, while World War Two is still living history and remembrance is very personal to many people, including families who lost loved ones serving in the Merchant Navy and have 'no grave but the sea'.

This was the dreadful norm for seamen as the German strategy of sinking British merchant ships with their U-Boats and starving Britain into submission nearly succeeded in both World War One and World War Two.

It would have been impossible for the Royal Navy to transport the quantity of food and arms the country needed, yet these brave volunteer seamen were poorly paid civilians who for the first two years of the war, would have had their pay stopped if their ship was torpedoed and sunk in the middle of the Atlantic.

The SS *Samtampa* memorial we are having sculpted was just such a cargo ship. It did 34 Atlantic crossings during the war and was the command ship for

the 87 merchant vessels in Convoy HX304 that sailed from New York to Swansea in August 1944.

More than 32,000 Merchant Navy seamen died at sea in World War Two and their largest memorial is a sunken garden at Tower Hill, London. The names of 24,000 'lost at sea' seamen are listed on bronze panels under the name of their ship. There are also merchant Navy memorials in Barry, Cardiff, Swansea and Liverpool.

We are still hopeful our roundabouts will be covered with poppies in 2018 and when next remembering or reflecting on what could have been, or nearly was.

Please spare a thought for the men and boys who had the courage to sail constantly into the shooting war with not a rifle between them.

*Over the oceans white caps flow,
No sign of crosses row on row,*

*But you who sleep beneath the sea,
Rest in peace for we are still free.*

Gary Victor, Porthcawl Shout Forum.

'Grateful thanks to hospital staff'

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to Professor Ashraf, cardiac surgeon, and his team at Morriston Hospital for replacing my aortic valve recently.

I would also like to thank all medical staff on the ICU, HDU and Cyril Evans ward.

May I thank also the Lewis family; Lynn, Brian and Seren, for looking after me on my discharge from hospital, as the first two to three weeks are the most important.

Brian Gould, Bridgend.

'Money should be used to improve Welsh lives'

LOCAL people will recall just a few weeks ago that the cross-party Assembly Commission decided to increase its own budget by £2.3million, while slashing local council budgets across Wales, including Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), by an average of 0.5 per cent.

Year after year, demands are made by the Labour-run Welsh Government in Cardiff Bay for more money from Westminster. But somehow, they manage to find extra money to fund the Assembly's own spending.

In his budget on Wednesday, Chancellor

Phillip Hammond announced a £1.2bn boost to Welsh Government coffers. So now it is incumbent on those in power in Cardiff Bay to deliver – and use that money to get on with the job of improving the lives of the people of Wales.

And that starts with local council budgets, that delivers so many of the services on which local people across our county borough rely. Rather than looking inwards and spending this welcome boost to the Welsh Government's coffers on its own Cardiff Bay ivory tower, I hope they'll spend it making a real difference in our communities.

The power is in their hands.

Cllr Tom Giffard, Conservative Group Leader, Bridgend County Borough Council



by MP Chris Elmore

Photo by Chris McAndrew/UK Parliament.

A LEADING UK thinktank has found that the number of children living in poverty will rocket to a record 5.2 million over the next five years.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies has said that the reasons behind this lie at the government's door.

Freezing benefits, the haphazard introduction of Universal Credit and new rules on child tax credit claims are causing a surge in child poverty. This situation is set to have the biggest impact in the most deprived regions across the UK.

The austerity measures implemented over the past seven years of Tory government are a political choice. A choice has clearly been made to give tax cuts to big corporations while removing the safety net the state provides for those who are barely on the breadline. This is both morally and economically disgusting.

What should and must happen now is a step change. We cannot go on like this and drag more and more of the poorest in our society further into debt and destitution.

One key first step which would help improve the situation of many across our communities is an immediate pause to the roll-out of Universal Credit. The new benefit is set to reach our area around March next year.

We've seen from the areas where this has

been clumsily implemented that it is driving families into poverty and, in the worst cases, encouraging homelessness.

The scrapping of the initial seven-day waiting period in last week's budget does not go far enough: Theresa May needs to pause this rollout before it is allowed to inflict damage on our communities. To blindly continue would send a crystal clear message that this government is happy to accept the findings of the IFS.

To put this into perspective: if you started a Universal Credit claim last week, it is unlikely that you would receive any money until after Christmas Day. Could you get through the festive period without your November and December pay cheque?

I'm sure that government ministers could, but it would be much more difficult for an individual or family currently struggling to make ends meet. Austerity must be challenged to prevent our fight against poverty from backsliding.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL DECEMBER 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
30 Thur	03.09	8.4	15.36	8.9
01 Fri	03.59	9.2	16.27	9.5
02 Sat	04.52	9.8	17.17	10.0
03 Sun	05.41	10.1	18.03	10.3
04 Mon	06.28	10.4	18.55	10.5
05 Tues	07.17	10.6	19.42	10.4
06 Wed	07.59	10.4	20.32	10.3
07 Thur	08.51	10.2	21.18	9.9

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Innovation lands Ceri care award

AN activities organiser whose willingness to "think outside the box" has helped people with dementia at a Bridgend care home has had her work recognised with a prestigious award.

Ceri Powell, (58), who works at Hafod Care's Brocastle Manor, won a bronze award in the category for 'Excellence in Dementia Care' in this year's Wales Care Awards, organised by Care Forum Wales.

Ceri, from Pencoeed, introduced an audit tool to assess the 'quality of life outcomes' for all service-users and has devised a dementia-friendly action plan for Brocastle Manor, working closely to engage the local community.

One activity has been to involve students from nearby Atlantic College who visit the home on weekly basis to chat one-to-one or engage in group activities with the residents.

Another innovation is 'Book Cwtch' in which residents meet each week to read and review literature and poetry. Ceri



Ceri Powell with her care award.

also reviews newspaper articles, short stories and other items.

She has worked in the care field for 20 years and was stunned to be shortlisted after being nominated by Marc Pullen-James, currently manager of Brocastle Manor.

She started work at Southerndown Care Home but transferred nine years ago to Brocastle, which has a total of 80 residents with different needs, including dementia sufferers.

She gets great pleasure and job satisfaction from enhancing the residents' lives.

Rachel wins care award for 'exceptional newcomer'

A NEWLY-qualified social worker has won a national award for her work with adults and young people with learning disabilities.

Rachel Gavin, who works in the Community Learning Disability Team at Bridgend County Borough Council, carried off a bronze award in the 'Exceptional Newcomer' category sponsored by Coleg Cambria at the Wales Care Awards.

The 34-year-old, from Bridgend, joined the council just over a year ago after studying for a degree in social work at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Before that, she was a support worker for people with learning disabilities, providing care through the not-for-profit organisation Mirus in Bridgend.

Now at the council, she supports a wide-range of service-users with all manner of day-to-day life challenges and has established a group to support vulnerable women.

She said: "I have a good understanding of issues that may arise and through personal



Rachel Gavin.

experience and working with adults for many years, we are able to ensure a 'person-centred' approach to our work as a team.

"Our service-users are aged 18 and upwards and what really matters to me is helping them gain independence to lead as near normal a life as possible."

Rachel added: "I am delighted to be able to raise the profile of the tremendous work that goes on in this department. It can be challenging but overall we here to support people in difficult circumstances which is what makes social work so rewarding."

POLICE UNCOVER 'ALADDIN'S CAVE' OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS IN OPERATION GREY JUPITER



An Audi R8 was also taken away.

FAKE goods, drugs and cash were uncovered by police on Wednesday, November 22, during the arrest phase of an investigation into an organised criminal gang.

'Operation Grey Jupiter' involved 40 officers from multiple agencies who executed search warrants at 11 locations across Bridgend borough. Three men were arrested and have since been released under investigation. Officers, including specialist search teams, co-ordinated warrants from approximately 9am.

In a garage at an address in Pendre, they uncovered what they described as an Aladdin's Cave of counterfeit watches, handbags, clothes and accessories such as headphones.

Police also linked up with Avon and Somerset Police to execute a warrant at an address in Davies Avenue,

Bridgend, where steroids were discovered.

The operation is being hailed a success with many thousands of pounds worth of fake goods being seized before they can be sold in the run-up to Christmas.

DI Dean Taylor said: "The operation led to the seizure of fake goods which would have exchanged hands for many thousands of pounds ahead of Christmas."

"What we have uncovered is a very sophisticated criminal operation which is capable of generating significant profits."

"We know that individuals involved in the trade of counterfeit goods are often also involved in other criminal activities. The buying and selling of fake goods is by no means a victimless crime and people should think about this before giving in to the temptation of a bargain that's simply too good to be true."

He added: "It is also highly likely that the electrical items that we have seized have not been certified 'safe', and as well as being a waste of money – they may not work – they are actually a potential fire or

electrical shock risk.

"Our intervention today is a timely one, and may, in fact, have saved somebody's life this Christmas."

Fake goods are produced for the black market and are often unregulated and untested before they hit the streets for resale, meaning the can be dangerous and even put lives at risk.

As well as counterfeit goods and steroids, approximately £5,000 in cash and assets including an Audi R8, which retails new at £80,000, was also seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act from the drive of the house in Pendre.

DI Taylor said: "We will do everything that we can to ensure that they do not profit from any criminal activity and an investigation is already under way to ensure assets from any ill-gotten gains are confiscated for good."

Agencies involved in Operation Grey Jupiter include South Wales Police, Avon and Somerset Police, Trading Standards, Trademark representatives, the Health and Safety Executive, Natural Resources Wales, and Environmental Health.



Some of the goods the police seized.

It will be 'pay as you go' at Porthcawl public loos

The public lavatories at Griffin Park in Porthcawl are going to be refurbished in spring 2018, and will become 'pay as you go' facilities.

The facilities will also transfer to Porthcawl Town Council, with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) awarding the town council a £35,000 grant to bring them up to scratch.

Cllr Hywel Williams, BCBC's deputy leader said: "These toilets are well-used by visitors and the local community, so we are pleased that they

will not only remain open but will also be completely refurbished, with new baby changing facilities too.

"The total cost of the project is £70,000, with Porthcawl Town Council paying 50 per cent of the costs and us awarding a grant for the other half through our 'Town and Community Council Fund'. Work will start in February and is due to be completed by April.

"Porthcawl Town Council will take on the running of the facilities via a Community Asset Transfer. It's not yet confirmed how much it will cost users to 'spend a penny', but it is likely to

be around 20p as is the case in many other public toilets around the country.

"For the facilities to remain open they must become self-financing, and any surplus will be re-invested into other town council projects."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Santa visits with Porthcawl Lions
SANTA is coming to Porthcawl at The Lions' invitation and will be in his grotto in the Porthcawl Museum, John Street, Porthcawl every Saturday now up to Christmas Day; that is on December 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Together with his elves and lots of toys he can be seen for a mere £4, and all money raised goes to charity.

New Year service

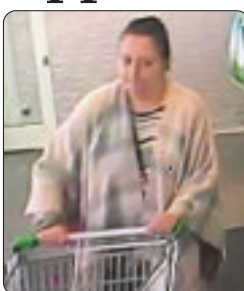
THE United Christian Churches, Pencoeed will hold a New Year service at the Pencoeed Welfare Hall, Heol Y Groes on Sunday, January 7 at 2:30pm. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Police issue ID appeal

POLICE are asking whether the public recognises this woman.

A spokeswoman said: "We'd like to speak to her in connection with the theft of a purse from an elderly shopper in Asda Pyle, on Tuesday, November 7."

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It's My Shout make film for youth service

FEARLESS, the youth service of charity Crimestoppers, premiered a film in Cardiff hoping to educate young people to speak out against crime in communities across Wales.

The short film, made by It's My Shout Productions, features a series of fictional crimes witnessed by young people in different locations in Wales and shows them turning to Fearless.

Ella Rabiotti, Wales regional manager at Crimestoppers, said: "Young people are often witnesses of crime, but often do not recognise the issues or feel confident to seek help."

"We provide information about crime and encourage them to report it, either through the Police, a trusted adult or through our website, Fearless.org, anonymously if they feel scared or have no one to confide in."

The film is being supported by the All Wales Schools Liaison Core Programme and was made possible thanks to a fund setup in memory of Percy Hoskins, a former chief crime reporter at the Daily Express.

After he died, the fund was established to be used for 'fighting crime'. Crimestoppers Wales is the latest recipient of this

fund. Ian Johnston, chair of Crimestoppers Wales committee, said: "We recognised the opportunity to promote Fearless to young people by reaching out to them through social media and a short engaging film to help them think of the choices and consequences they have as a bystander to crime."

Fearless, said a spokesperson, provides educational tools and resources for 11 to 16 year olds encouraging them to make positive, informed decisions around crime and criminality.

Its website - Fearless.org - has been updated to enable young people to pass on information about crime in the Welsh language, completely anonymously and safely.

As well as through a schools programme, Fearless is being introduced via a variety of community projects throughout Wales, including working with the police and youth groups.

More information about the service can be found at Fearless.org, which also contains free information for professionals, which includes topics such as child sexual exploitation, knife crime and street crime.

The short films can be viewed on the Fearless YouTube channel at youtube.com/FearlessORG.



NEW BRYNMENYN PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TAKING SHAPE

TWICE as big and surrounded by sports pitches and green spaces - the brand new Brynmelyn Primary is going to be very different from the current ageing school.

The century-old school is being relocated less than a mile away from its home on Bryn Road to the former site of Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School next to Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen. The brand new two-storey school will open in February 2018, and a group of pupils made a site visit last week to check on the latest progress.

Headteacher Clare Dale said: "Some of our pupils have been visiting the site regularly since work began in February, but this is the first time they've been here since the summer so it's great to see how much has changed since then."

"The children enjoyed seeing their new classrooms and loved taking in their new views from the windows. As our current school is surrounded by concrete they were particularly excited to look out at where their new green spaces and sports pitches are going to be."

The new Brynmelyn



Primary School is being built at a total cost of £9.16m and is being jointly funded by Bridgend County Borough Council and the Welsh Government's '21st century schools programme'.

Cllr Huw David, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, said: "Making a site visit to see a new school taking shape is almost becoming a weekly occurrence at the moment, and it's something that makes me so proud."

"As well as Brynmelyn, building work is also underway on a new Pencoed

Primary, Betws Primary and Ysgol Cwm Garw so it is a very exciting time. I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved so far, including the council's project team, headteacher Clare Dale, governors, school staff, the contractors BAM Construction Limited, and Boyes Rees Architects who designed the school."

"Brynmelyn Primary is being relocated because the current school can't be expanded and there are also significant issues with traffic congestion. The new school will be double the size of the old one with ultra-modern facilities, playing fields, as well as soft play areas for nursery and reception pupils."

"This fantastic new facility will also help us to cope with a rising demand for school places in the 'Valleys Gateway' area for many years to come."

Brynmelyn School started as a Council Infants School at Betharan Vestry on October 18, 1909, and the present school building opened its doors on January 13, 1913.

Historical items from the existing school will be incorporated into the

new school where possible.

For example, the school has a memorial to Sarah Jane Howell, a former assistant teacher who died saving a pupil from drowning in the river in 1911.

It was confirmed that the entrance road to the new school will be named 'Heol Sarah Jane Howell' in her honour.

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December night sky



The Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) located in Hanford, Washington can detect a change in the 4km mirror spacing of less than ten-thousandth of the diameter of a proton.

ON the morning of December 1, half an hour before sunrise, the crescent moon will be flanked by Saturn (above) and Mercury (below).

Seeing these will require a low southeastern horizon, clear skies and careful timing - before the light of dawn erases the view. Look out for the Geminids meteor shower on the night of December 13. Up to 150 streaks per hour have been observed on recent appearances.

October saw the first detection of gravitational waves which resulted from a kilonova explosion caused by the collision of two neutron stars.

Neutron stars are the smallest and densest stars known to exist, formed when massive stars explode in supernovas.

When a star's nuclear fuel is finally used up, the outward pressure created by the process of nuclear fusion no longer counters the inward gravitational force of the star's mass and the star collapses, leaving a neutron star remnant.

In an atom, the space between the nucleus and the orbiting electron shell means that its composition is largely empty space. In fact, 99.9999 per cent of an

atom's total volume is empty space. When a massive star collapses, the gravitational force is so intense that this empty space is compressed and the electrons scrunch together with the protons in the nucleus to form additional neutrons.

The remnant star is, therefore, comprised entirely of neutrons with no space separation. Its mass will be one and a half times greater than that of our Sun, but its diameter would be just 12 miles; just a teaspoonful of neutron star material would weigh 100 million tons on Earth!

As two neutron stars in a binary system approach, they whirl round each other hundreds of times per second, creating gravitational waves in the fabric of space time before finally smashing into each other at around a third of the speed of light in a cataclysmic event.

The collision of the neutron stars which was detected on Earth on October 16 happened 130 million years ago. It was in another galaxy which is so far away, that even travelling at the speed of light, that's how long the waves took to reach us.

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Bridgend Quiz League results

THE latest results for the Bridgend Quiz League for November 21 are as follows:

Penybont FC Nomads 43; Crown Maesteg 49; Ty Risha Royals 49; Five Bells A 42; Laleston Inn A 33; Tondy Railway Club 50; Pheasant Poachers 45; Oddfellows Arms Bettws 43; Prince of Wales Coychurch 45; Laleston Inn B 48; Five Bells B 53; Chatterton Shunters 45; Cabo Roche 52; Pheasant

Gamekeepers 42. Here are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What flower is alternatively known as the 'Lent Lily'?
2. What kind of creature is a 'grouper'?
3. From what two languages does the word 'tycoon' originate?

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Answers:
1. The daffodil.
2. A fish.
3. Japanese and Chinese.

Seren network will support Oxbridge ambitions

BRIDGEND County Borough's 'brightest young minds' have started attending special events and workshops to help them target places at leading universities.

A new Seren Network has been launched, with 150 of the highest achieving sixth formers from across the county borough coming together recently at Bridgend College for their first event.

The Bridgend teenagers and their parents met university representatives from Oxford, Bath and the 'Brilliant Club' to hear a bit more about the application process and what life is like for an Oxbridge student and other top universities.

Students have been invited to be part of the network based on their excellent GCSE results, and workshops will be held throughout the academic year to support them to aspire for the top.

The Seren Network has been set up in partnership by BCBC, sixth forms in secondary schools, Bridgend College

and Welsh Government and follows the format of similar networks that have been created elsewhere to address a decline in applications from Wales to the better universities.

Cllr Charles Smith, BCBC's Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, said: "Other Seren Networks have proven fruitful in raising aspirations in other parts of Wales, so we're excited to be able to introduce one here in Bridgend County Borough."

"There's obviously a lot of competition to get into these universities, so members of the network will get support to help them stand out from the crowd and be fully prepared for the application process."

"They'll be given practical tips on the application tests and interviews, and will also be able to build links and friendships with other bright sparks."

'278 tonnes of nappies have not gone to landfill' BCBC SAY THAT NEW RECYCLING SCHEME IS A SUCCESS, DESPITE CRITICISM

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has come out fighting after criticisms of its new recycling regime.

When the council's waste partners, Kier, introduced a new system, aimed at increasing the percentage of materials that could be recycled, there was a storm of protests from all parts of the borough.

The council, and Kier, acknowledged a number of teething problems – and it admits that there still are some problems – but BCBC is arguing that the new system will now avoid crippling costs that could be incurred by having to send waste to landfill, via the Welsh Government's 'landfill tax'.

However, opposition groups on BCBC say that the council is glossing over problems that still exist with the system.

A BCBC spokesman said that the new service should soon be one of the best in Wales, after hitting an all-time high recycling rate of 74 per cent.

The spokesman said: "Just six months after it was launched in June 2017, official figures have revealed that the amount of household waste diverted away from landfill between July and September rose from 57 per cent in 2016 to 74 per cent in 2017."

"This puts the county borough on course to not only meet strict new recycling targets introduced by Welsh Government, but to surpass them entirely."

"Out of the 22 councils in Wales, Bridgend is one of 17 local authorities that is using fortnightly collections. Four councils collect it every three weeks, and one is trialling monthly collections."

Statistics for Bridgend county borough have also

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revealed that between June and August 2017, local community recycling centres recorded a 254-tonne increase in recycling, while the waste sent for disposal as landfill during that same period decreased by 957 tonnes.

BCBC says that, with annual household collections expected to total more than six million, the current missed collection rate stands at 0.2 per cent.

The council is pointing to the new 'purple bag' absorbent waste collections as making a real difference.

Since it was launched, the collection of nappies and other absorbent hygiene products (AHP) has seen 7,720 households sign up for the service, and an average of 100 additional requests are being received every week.

So far, 278 tonnes of nappies and AHP waste have been diverted from going to landfill. Cellulose fibres are removed from this waste and recycled to make fibre boards and acoustic panelling, and the remaining plastics have been sent for further processing.

Food waste now goes to the Agrivert plant in Stormy Down, which is on course to process approximately 18,000 tonnes of kitchen leftovers, collected every year by Bridgend and Swansea councils.

The waste is being used to generate electricity and create organic fertiliser for use on around 3,000 acres of nearby farm land.

BCBC Deputy Leader Cllr Hywel Williams said: "Achieving a 74 per cent recycling rate within such a short period of time is an amazing achievement, and I really want to thank householders for embracing the new arrangements and making them such a success."

"We are seeing some very impressive results from the first six months of the scheme. It is clear that despite a difficult introduction, the new collections have provided a massive boost to recycling, and are well on their way to achieving what we wanted."

"Thanks to the fantastic efforts of local residents, it is looking increasingly unlikely that we are going to have to face substantial fines for missing recycling targets of 64 per cent in 2019-20 and 70 per cent in 2024-25."

"At the same time, I'm well aware that there are still areas in which the new procedures need to improve in order to ensure that a consistent level of service can be provided, and I want to assure residents that we will be focusing closely on these with our waste partners, Kier."

"Nevertheless, these new recycling statistics demonstrate the very real progress that is being made, and are a promising sign that Bridgend county borough will soon be recognised as one of the highest-performing areas in Wales."

The Leader of the independent grouping on BCBC, Cllr Norah Clarke, said: "I am pleased to see that recycling rates are at an 'all time high' but the past six months for residents has been totally unacceptable in terms of the service they have received."

"The co-operation of the residents of Bridgend in recycling materials has been fantastic, hence the increase in recycling rates."

"Unfortunately, some residents are still without containers and sacks after six months of the new contract."

"A scrutiny meeting took place last Wednesday (November 22) which was webcast when the chief executive of Kier had the opportunity to apologise to the residents of the county borough for the absolutely shambolic way in which this waste contract has been handled so far, but unfortunately no apology was forthcoming."

"Kier have said that they will be stepping up their game, but we as residents shouldn't hold our breath."

Cllr Tom Giffard, leader of the Conservative Group on BCBC, said: "I'm pleased to see increased recycling rates in Bridgend, but something had to change because as recently as last year, Bridgend was one of the worst councils in Wales for its recycling rates."

"However, local people have felt as though their

genuine concerns about the new scheme have been dismissed by council bosses. Many local residents have approached me about uncollected bins and spilt rubbish across local streets over the last few months as a result of the scheme, but BCBC and Kier have both turned a blind eye to the problems."

"BCBC and Kier have a lot of questions to answer if they are to get residents fully on board with the recycling scheme."

"It seems both parties might have foreseen these initial problems and is clear to everybody now the reason why the rollout of the new scheme was pushed back until after the local council elections last May!"

Wick artists' successful exhibition

WICK Group of Artists would like to thank everyone who supported their recent autumn exhibition in Wick Village Hall.

The exhibition was a great success with 16 artists exhibiting over 90 pictures and a number of pictures and cards sold.

Having about 110 visitors made the exhibition feel like a really worthwhile event, with the village hall looking most attractive.

Tea at the prettily decorated small tables in

the back room was a welcome break for visitors, with homemade cakes and scones.

Having paid for the village hall rental, we are still able to donate £90 to both the village hall funds and Wick church roof appeal, from visitor entry fees and a percentage of sales.

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting us. *Anyone interested in joining the Wednesday art class or the Thursday art group can contact Liz on 01656 890748; we may have some spaces still.*

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Bridgend Bridge Club latest news



At the West Wales Mixed Pairs Bridge Championship, members of Bridgend Bridge Club did very well and the winners were Glyn Williams and Vida Halford (pictured) and in third place were Tony Howarth and Emer Disley.

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

November 22: First, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; Second, Mike Best and David Bird; Third, John Evans and Tony Disley.

The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman.

November 23: First, Stewart Norton and Stuart Davies; Second, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; Third, V Irene Thomas and Dilys Bowser.

The winners on handicap were V Irene Thomas and Dilys Bowser.

November 24, First Round of Club Mixed Pairs: First, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; Second, Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan; Third, Norma and David Newman.

The winners on

handicap were Mari Jones and Chris Rawlings.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nilton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm; it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

On Thursdays at 1pm, there is a lesson about a bridge topic; this week it is trial bids.

For further information about the lessons and any other club activities, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

Great turnout for St Illtyd's Advent coffee morning



A typical Advent wreath of four candles, one of them rose-coloured as tradition dictates, for Gaudete Sunday. Photograph by jonathunder.

More than £750 was raised at the Advent coffee morning at St Illtyd's Church, Newcastle, last Saturday.

Some £150 was raised for the Mothers' Union new banner appeal, while the remainder goes to church funds.

A bright, crisp day encouraged churchgoers and others from the parish to attend, where there were homemade cakes, gifts, games and much more besides, including marshmallow snowmen.

Father David Lloyd said he was "delighted" with the turnout and the total.

He added: "And don't forget our carols-by-candlelight service on Gaudete Sunday (December 17, the third Sunday of Advent) beginning at 4.30pm."

"A warm welcome is extended to all, parishioners or not, for this lovely service."

"The more the merrier," he said.

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Young and old, families and friends all took part in one of the most popular traditions of the season, which is best enjoyed in the warm embrace of kith and kin.

There are lots of activities planned for the town centre in the Saturdays before Christmas. Check page 21 for more details.



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Thank you

THE villagers of St Mary Church would like to thank the Masons (via Welsh Hearts) and Nigel Davies of Ecoflor for replacing our defibrillator and providing a secure box to keep it in.

It will now be secure in the porch of the church for all to use – the stolen defibrillator was found in a ditch with the pads cut off, totally unrepairable.

Our heartfelt thanks. Resident of St Mary Church.



Bridgend Quiz League - LATEST NEWS AND TEASERS

THE latest results for November 28 from the Bridgend Quiz League are as follows:

Five Bells A 38, Crown Maesteg 37; Tondy Railway Club 48, Penybont FC Nomads 56; Mackworth Arms 43, Ty Risha Royals 49; Laleston Inn B 2, Oddfellows Arms

Bettws; Chatterton Shunters 53, Pheasant Poachers 45; Pheasant Gamekeepers 43, Prince of Wales Coychurch 45; Cabo Roche 49, Five Bells B 46.

Here are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What is the most northerly town in the British Isles?

2. What is the more common name of the False Plane tree?

3. Which composer wrote the 'Hungarian Rhapsodies'?

Answers:
1. Lerwick (Shetland Isles),
2. The Sycamore tree,
3. Franz Liszt.

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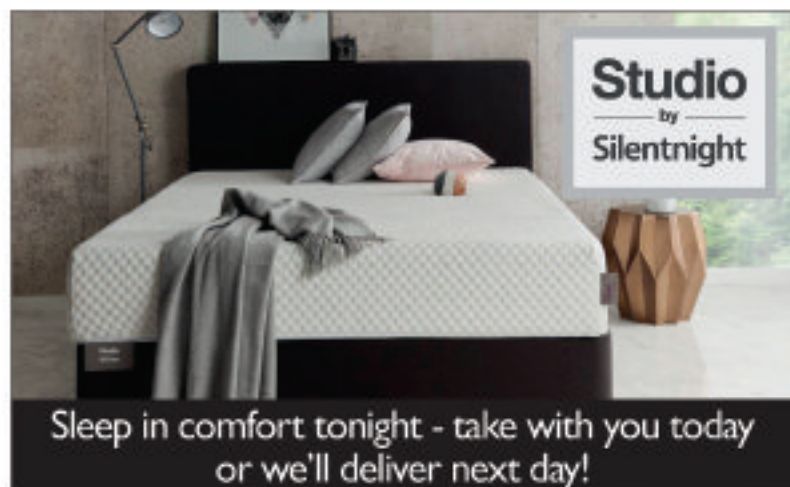


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New Betws Primary School progressing well

PUPILS from Betws Primary have enjoyed a visit to their brand new school which will open in January 2018.

The new state-of-the-art Betws Primary is being built next door to the current school and, once the Betws pupils move in after Christmas, their old school will be demolished to make way for a new Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw which will relocate from nearby Pontycymer.

The project is costing



a total of £11.2m and is being jointly funded by Bridgend County Borough Council and the Welsh Government's

21st century schools programme.

Two Betws pupils – head of school council Josie Williams and head of eco committee Lewis David – took a look at the latest progress, and were joined by Cllr Huw David, the leader of BCBC, who said: "Both new schools will be fully equipped with state of the art facilities and this development will leave a lasting legacy for both the Ogmore and Garw valleys."

"We are extremely proud of our school modernisation programme in Bridgend county borough. Within the last decade, we have seen the completion of multi-million-pound projects including Archbishop McGrath Catholic School, Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Coity Primary School, Maesteg Comprehensive School, Penyfael CIW Primary School, Caerau Primary School, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg

Llangynwyd and the Bryncethin Campus.

"In addition to these two new schools being built in Betws, work is also nearing completion on a new Brynmynyn Primary School and construction is under way on a new Pencoed Primary School too."

Betws Head of School Liz Pearce said: "Our new school is going to be very different from our current one, where some lessons have had to be taught in temporary classrooms since an electrical fire caused extensive damage in 2012."

"As the new school is being built just next door, we've all really enjoyed watching it take shape. The children are all very excited and can't wait to move in after Christmas."

Cllr David added: "I was thrilled that the Welsh Government announced earlier this month that they'll be investing a further

£2.3bn across Wales through band B of their 21st century schools programme.

"The first wave of the programme has meant that ageing schools have been replaced by first class learning environments, and I'm excited about the opportunities that will be provided locally by the next wave of funding to enable current and future generations of pupils to

excel and achieve their full potential."

The new Betws Primary School and Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw have been designed by BCBC's in-house design team and are being built by Andrew Scott Limited. The new buildings will be built to BREEAM 'excellent' standards of sustainability, using more than 15 per cent of recycled materials.

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

CAROLYN Webster, Conservative councillor for the Newcastle Ward, Bridgend, invites residents to her monthly surgery in Bridgend Library, Halo Recreation Centre, Bridgend on December 2 between 10am and 11.30am.

No appointment is necessary.

Should you wish to contact Carolyn outside this time, her telephone number is 077435 74786 or you can email her at

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An artist's impression of how the new school will look.

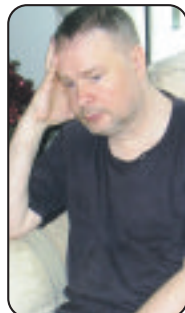
Officers keen to locate Matthew

OFFICERS in Bridgend are appealing for the public's help to locate missing Matthew Treggiden.

The 43-year-old was last seen in Litchard on Thursday, November 9.

Matthew is approximately six feet tall, of medium build, with blonde/greying hair and beard.

Anyone with information is asked to contact 101, quoting reference number 1700439812. Matthew is also urged to make contact with family or police to confirm he is safe and well.



This picture of Matthew was taken some time ago. He had a beard when last seen.

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Taking place on Saturday, September 22 at 7pm in the Memo Arts

Centre, the evening will feature the South Wales Police Band and Barry Male Voice Choir with other special guests.

Tickets are available through the Memo box office or website priced at £12 or £10 for concessions (OAP, U/16 and RBL members) with all profits going to the Poppy Appeal. We are advising early booking to avoid disappointment.

This event is one of several planned to mark the Centenary of the ending of 'The Great War, The War to End All Wars'.

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CAVC collects 'Beacon' for apprentice project

A PIONEERING programme to provide vocational career routes to 14 to 16-year-olds led by Cardiff and Vale College has won a national award for further education initiatives.

CAVC's junior apprenticeship programme beat the competition from the rest of the UK's Further Education (FE) institutions to win the Association of College's Beacon Award for Transition into Post-16 Education and Training, sponsored by the Skills and Education Group.

This latest accolade sits alongside the Beacon Pearson Award for Promotion and Delivery of Apprenticeships Cardiff and Vale College won in 2016.

The Beacon Awards recognise colleges that have displayed imaginative and innovative approaches to teaching and learning in the UK's FE sector.

Now in their 24th year, the Beacon Awards represent the best colleges across the country that adapt to meet the needs of local employers and the career needs of their students.

Jointly funded by Welsh Government Creative Solutions, CAVC, Cardiff Council and Cardiff schools, the

Junior Apprenticeship programme was launched in September 2016 to increase the number of young people in education, employment and training.

Offering year-10 and 11 pupils the opportunity to study full-time in a college setting from the age of 14 for a future career, the programme was the first of its kind in Wales.

This summer saw the first cohort of year-11s all successfully graduate and secure a place on a higher level course at the college or an apprenticeship.

At the end of the first year, junior apprentices who hadn't attended school for a whole year were achieving 90 per cent attendance.

Of the Cardiff learners who were identified as the most vulnerable when they started, 75 per cent are no longer considered to be in that category based on their attendance, engagement and progress.

The Welsh Government is now encouraging other colleges to roll out similar junior apprenticeship programmes across Wales.

The Beacon Award judges were impressed by the way junior apprentices allows young people full time access to vocational courses alongside English and maths GCSEs.

They saw the initiative as providing a more meaningful, vocational route at a younger age that motivates and accelerates learners to progress into post-16 provision and eventually a fulfilling career.

CAVC principal Kay Martin said: "We are

absolutely thrilled to have won the Beacon Award for Transition into Post-16 Education and Training.

It is a testament to the hard work and determination shown by everyone who works on the sector-leading junior apprenticeship programme, from college, Cardiff Council, the Welsh Government and local schools and I am hugely proud of their achievement.

There has been comprehensive 14-16 learning pathway provision operating in colleges across the UK for the last 25 years offering many learners half-day or one-day vocational programmes.

"The junior apprenticeship programme takes that model significantly further.

"It helps young people who might have thought that school wasn't for them by offering alternative career routes in a fresh environment, providing challenges and chance to learn in a way they can identify with.

"We will continue to support schools while creating a culture of success and raise the aspirations for learners who are most at risk of disengaging from mainstream education."

RSPCA LAUNCHES WINTER APPEAL



RSPCA Cymru is braced for thousands of calls this festive season as it launches its 'Kindness at Christmas Appeal' to help care for abused, neglected and sick animals.

During December last year and January (2017), 5,932 incidents were reported to the RSPCA in Wales with 141 of those happening across Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

New figures from the animal welfare charity show that during the same period (December 2016/January 2017), the charity received 118,799 calls across England and Wales - 1,916 calls a day (79.8 calls an hour, 1.3 calls a minute.)

From poorly, unwanted pets callously dumped on the streets to animals and wildlife deliberately cruelly treated, RSPCA inspectors are preparing to see heart-breaking cruelty and neglect this festive season.

The RSPCA across England and Wales expects to take in around 19,000 animals in need this December and January and desperately needs your help to care for them.

RSPCA Cymru superintendent Martyn Hubbard said: "It's a sad fact that every day at work throughout the year can be tough for our inspectors and animal welfare and collection officers, but winter really does come with its own challenges and issues.

"During the festive season alone last year, we rescued hundreds of animals, many of whom had been cruelly abandoned, injured or abused.

"But we also saw so many acts of kindness by animal lovers who cared for animals that had been abandoned, to those who reported suffering animals to our cruelty hotline or volunteers caring for animals in our centres and branches.

"We are asking animal lovers across the country to show kindness this Christmas by supporting our winter appeal."

To help the RSPCA to continue rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming animals in desperate need of care, and to support the charity's 'kindness' campaign, visit www.rspca.org.uk/winterappeal.

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A new motorcycle had been donated by the Masonic Benevolent Fund of South Wales, and this will be going into service immediately.

The photograph shows Blood Bike Wales Area committee Andrew Morgan of Bonvilton (left) with the new bike, together with trustees of the Masonic Benevolent Fund of South Wales Simon Francis, Martyn Ridge (treasurer) and Patrick Pattison.

In presenting a cheque for £6,000 to Andrew (himself a Freemason and very dedicated to the work of Blood Bikes), Patrick said: "We are very pleased on behalf of our committee of trustees, and the Freemasons of South Wales, to make this donation to such a worthwhile and vital service to the community of South Wales."



Community Christmas meal
CADOXTON Youth Project and Barry Communities First will host a free Christmas meal (and food bag) on Saturday, December 2 at Victoria Park Community Centre, Church Road, Barry (CF63 1JY) from 6pm - 9pm.

Reservations, by note only (including numbers) to: Cadoxton Youth Project (Rita's Cafe), 97 Main Street, CF63 2HL by November 29. 60 places only, children under 16 must be accompanied. Santa colouring competition and children's fancy dress competition too!

PACT meeting
WHY not come along to Penarth Police Station (front desk) on Thursday, November 30 when PCSO Leighanne Norris will be available for a chat between 4.30pm and 5.30pm?

ALY and allies try to tackle sheep worrying

THE two-day 'Animals, Land and You' event took place at the Royal Welsh Show's Winter Fair on Monday and Tuesday this week, aiming to "help pet owners, dogs, livestock and other animals live harmoniously alongside one another".

Animals, Land and You (ALY) is co-ordinated by the Animal Welfare Network for Wales, a coalition of organisations which shares the aim of improving welfare standards for animals across the country.

The importance of the event was highlighted by police statistics which stated that between May 2014 and May 2015

there were 108 separate incidents of livestock attacks recorded in north Wales, most of which involved sheep (North Wales Police). Across the UK as a whole, in 2016, 15,000 sheep were killed, and 49 dogs destroyed, as a consequence of sheep worrying (SheepWatch UK).

Nic De Brauwere, chair of the Animal Welfare Network for Wales, said: "We all want to see a rural Wales where pet owners, dogs, livestock and other animals live harmoniously alongside one another - but so many challenges exist."

"We know 15,000 sheep across the UK in 2016 were killed through sheep worrying alone. Clearly, there's a need for animal welfare groups to collaborate, and share vital information at events

like this, which can keep dogs, livestock and other animals safe around each other."

Lesley Griffiths, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, added: "The Welsh Government and the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group are dedicated to delivering 'continuing and lasting improvements in standards of animal health and welfare', and are delighted to work with the Animal Welfare Network Wales's ALY initiative to help achieve this."

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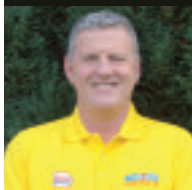
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Porthcawl Art Society on show



THE new Winter Exhibition is currently on display at The Porthcawl Art Society (above the museum) John Street, Porthcawl (CF36 3BA) and open most days from 11am – 4pm. It runs until the end of December.

It is well worth a visit as there is a spectacular variety of artwork in the exhibition, and it was a difficult task for the judge, David Newton-Williams, to select the prize winners.

Prizes were awarded as follows: first, 'Last Voyage' by Wendy Davies Williams; second 'Blue Top' by Jan Hoskins and third 'Hazel Eyes' by Jeff Barnes. Most Original, 'Vulcan' and 'Red Flag' by Robert

Taylor. Highly Commended prize winners were: 'Neath Abbey' by Tricia Simon and 'Did I hear the word dinner?' by Jan Hoskins. Commended prize winners were 'Winter at Castell Coch' by Barbara Thomas, 'Deep in Thought' by Linda Trigg and 'Rusting Away' by Wendy Davies-Williams.

Jan Hoskins



Stroke of luck! Club celebrates 30 years



(Left to right): Barbara Matthews, Porthcawl Stroke Club; Lucy Thomas, special guest from the Stroke Association who presented the certificate for 30 years volunteer service; and chairman Keith Duggan.



The cake made by Cath Edwards.

Caerau makes plans for Lottery cash grant



RESIDENTS of Caerau have received the first phase of funding from a £17 million Lottery-backed community initiative.

Caerau is one of 13 communities in Wales to take part in Invest Local, a programme that allows residents to decide what their priorities are for improving their area, with £1 million over 10 years.

Residents in Caerau were introduced to the programme in 2016. They spent much of last year setting up a group to run the programme and consulting with their fellow residents. Over 600 people provided their views, and priorities were decided based on what local people said.

Some £250,000 has been allocated to a range of community projects.

This includes funding to improve the buildings and the fabric of both the Dyffryn Chapel and St Cyntfelyn's Church, where activities for older people are run.

The kitchen at Caerau Development Trust, which provides community services, will get a refit.

For those who are keen on staying fit and active, the Noddfa Community Project's gym will be refurbished. Caerau Dragons Boxing Club has seen active membership of the club almost double, after it funded a new ring with the money.

There will also be funding for the Llynfi Valley Credit Union's work in Caerau and to run children and young people's activities and sessions at Noddfa Community Project.

However, the most eye-catching

funding has been that provided to the Llynfi BMX Racing Club. With an expanded car park and re-surfaced track, the club was able to host a south west regional race meeting in August, and the Welsh BMX Championship for the first time, which brought over 600 visitors into the area from across Wales and England.

Matthew Rowlands of Llynfi BMX said: "It was a huge achievement for the club. Not only was the weekend a great success, but the potential of this track to now hold British national races and the Welsh Championship has been recognised by Welsh Cycling, and we are well placed to go from strength to strength, thanks to the brilliant work of the volunteer members of the club, volunteers from across Caerau and the wider Llynfi Valley and funding from Invest Local."

The track opened in 2011.

All of this has been achieved in some 18 months but as Phil John, chair of the partnership said, the work is far from over.

"Residents and organisations in Caerau have worked really hard over the last year or so to make this happen and this funding now coming into the area is proof that it has been worth it."

"We are working much closer together than we did at the start, but we want more people to join us to help us go further to make our community an even better place to live and work."

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Care home manager's 30 years of service

STAFF at Hafod Care's Brocastle Care Home near Bridgend, surprised a devoted colleague yesterday who has achieved 30 years working in the care sector.

Linda Jenkins, general manager at Brocastle, started her career in care in 1987 and has experienced almost all roles required in the profession including domestic cook, care assistant and care co-ordinator before taking up positions in management.

Her dedication and passion for looking after people has seen her take on each of her roles with determination and compassion which has led her to where she is today, embracing the Hafod vision of 'Making Lives Better'.

Speaking at the surprise presentation, Linda commented how she has taken every opportunity that has come her way, which has helped her to gain a huge amount of experience and knowledge.

Linda said: "Working in a variety of job roles at different locations was a great experience, the best way to learn and I was able to meet lots of new people."

Linda is passionate about ensuring service users receive the very best care. This is something that she has also instilled in her staff and said: "I'm proud of all the staff, as every one of them does a tremendous job. It really is a team effort, with staff



Linda Jenkins cuts her cake marking 30 years at Brocastle Care Home.

inspiring one another and creating a pleasant environment for everyone.

"Working in care is a massive responsibility which can be challenging at times, but it is also extremely rewarding."

"To do this job, it's important to want to make a difference to people's lives but to also have a sense of fun to overcome the difficult times."

"It doesn't feel like 30 years; it was the best thing I ever did."

During the celebration, staff shared stories about working with Linda and the developments in care they have witnessed over the years. Colleague and deputy manager of Brocastle Care Home, Marc Pullen James, said: "Linda is an inspirational manager and leader, someone who is innately thorough and will always do her level best to support and guide the whole team."

"She is empathetic and caring to service users, relatives and staff. Linda is trustworthy and confidential and believes in honesty – she is a true professional."

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Linda's gold award

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Linda continued: "I started as a care assistant at a home in Cornelly and stayed there seven years. I then worked at another home in Porthcawl for about a year and also had a short spell at Picton Court, under a previous owner."

"I went back there 10 years ago and six years later I was promoted to senior carer on nights."

"The home has a total of 76 beds, with 21 of these residential, 13 for people with dementia and the rest for nursing."

"I work nights all the time, which I really love because you have to do a bit of everything. During the day there are different staff for all the things you have to do but at night you have to be janitor, odd-jobman and security guard all rolled into one."

"I like it so much because it's a more intimate sort of shift. At 3am, if someone can't sleep, you can talk to them one-to-one in a different kind of way than you can during the day. Nights create a nice ambience and you can build up a rapport with people."

One resident said of Linda: "Following a fire at my home, I had to spend a year at Picton Court. Linda is professional as well as being a friend. During

the night I'd get fretful and she would spend time reassuring me. I always feel safe when Linda is around."

Linda said of landing the gold award: "I had a marvellous night at Cardiff City Hall. I've never been to anything like that before where you have to dress up."

"It was nice to be nominated for the award but to actually win gold was the icing on the cake for me."

"I don't see the award as just for me and I was accepting it on behalf of everyone else on the

team at my home, especially all those on nights."

"I was there with my daughter, Chloe Jenkins, and quite a few of my colleagues from work and we all had a fantastic time."

Mario Kreft, the Chair of Care Forum Wales, said the standard of entries was extremely high.

He added: "There are only winners here tonight, so it is only fitting that the finalists will receive a gold, silver or bronze Wales Care Award."

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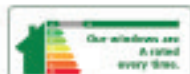
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Family release statement after guilty verdict

AFTER 20-year-old Joseph Fattah from Rhooose was found guilty at Cardiff Crown Court of causing the death of Jenna Miller by dangerous driving, Jenna's family released a statement thanking the police, witnesses and the Crown Prosecution Service.



ABOVE: Jenna Miller.

The events leading up to the court case took place on Cardiff Road, Barry, in September last year.

The family statement said: "We as a family are pleased that Joseph Fattah has been found guilty of causing Jenna's death by dangerous driving.

"It was extremely difficult for us to have to sit through the trial listening to him trying to squirm out of his responsibilities.

"We wish to thank all witnesses who assisted and subsequently attended court, and we would also like to

express our gratitude to South Wales and Gwent police forces and the Crown Prosecution Service for all the work that has gone in to this thorough investigation.

"We now look forward to overcoming the final hurdle when the two offenders will be sentenced, and hopefully handed a lengthy prison term."

Detective Constable Matthew Lindsey, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Our thoughts are with the family of Jenna Miller, who have shown great dignity and courage throughout the court proceedings.

"I'd also like to pay tribute to my colleagues at both South Wales Police and Gwent Police, who have all worked determinedly to investigate this case and secure justice for the family and friends of Mrs Miller.

"This tragic case highlights the dangers of racing on our roads. Young people, and indeed drivers of all ages, need to understand that if you speed, you're putting your own and other people's lives at risk. Whether it is racing along a seemingly quiet road, or driving just a few miles-an-hour over the speed limit, it is a risk that is simply not worth taking.

"In this particular case, the reckless actions of two thrill-seeking drivers have robbed two young boys of their mother, and family members and friends of a loved one."

Jamie Oaten, from Barry, had earlier pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.

FINE FOR UNLICENSED LANDLORD

AN unlicensed Barry landlord has been fined more than £1,000 after being found guilty at Cardiff Magistrates Court.

A legislation that introduced the landlord registration process and the requirement for landlords and agents, who let and manage rental properties in Wales to be licensed, came into force on November 23, 2015.

The legislation made provision for those who needed to comply to do so within a year.

Self-managing landlord Damian Cross of Rhodfa'r Gwagenni, Barry was found guilty of failing to become licensed for letting and management activities for a property at Beaconsfield, Romilly Road, Barry.

Mr Cross had registered the property but not applied for a licence.

He failed to pay a Fixed Penalty Notice for his non-compliance, or submit a licence application or appoint an agent.

He was fined £660 for two offences under the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, and ordered to pay court costs of £543 and a £33 victim surcharge.

Cllr Hunter Jarvie, Vale Council Deputy Leader and Member of the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee, said: "It has been over a year since the deadline for all landlords with properties in Wales to become registered, and it is not acceptable that there are landlords and agents who still try to work around this law.

"There is no excuse for a commercial agent not to be registered and licensed, and the recent prosecution of an unlicensed Barry landlord, is proof that we are taking action. I encourage any landlords who use a commercial agent to check they are Rent Smart Wales compliant."

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'Arctic' plunge

ON Sunday, December 3 at 11am, Sarah Rees Brown will plunge into the Bristol Channel at Barry Island, raising money for the charity Cwtch which organises parties and provides gifts for children over the festive season.

Anyone willing to donate or volunteer (to help with the parties, dive into the sea or both) can call 07907 439708 or drop the cash at Beauty Basics, Broad Street, Barry.

Will 'calamitous' A465 overspend of 23 per cent affect Dinas bypass?

THE Conservatives say they fear an estimated £50m overspend on upgrades to the A465 road between Abergavenny and Hirwaun could have a knock-on affect on other road projects.

The Welsh Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, Ken Skates, confirmed a 23 per cent overspend figure in a written statement early this week.

The Conservatives said the potential cost to taxpayers could be as much as £50 million.

Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, said: "These delays could cost in the region of £50 million, and the Cabinet Secretary needs to clarify where the money is coming from.

"If the money is to be drawn from the department's existing resources, which transport projects will have to give way in order to pay for this calamity?"

One Vale councillor said there could be a

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negative knock-on for potential projects in the area such as Dinas Powys bypass.

Cllr Vincent Bailey said: "This shambles could end up costing taxpayers £50 million. Just imagine what that could do for transport infrastructure projects in the Vale - like the Dinas Powys bypass."

A Welsh Government spokesman told The GEM: "The Welsh Government is currently in dispute with Costain on a number of matters around the allocation of risk in the contract to ensure they are only paid what they are contractually entitled to. "The overspend on this project will be apportioned between Costain and Welsh Government strictly in accordance with the contract terms."

A spokesman for Costain said: "We do not comment on specific commercial discussions in relation to our clients but continue to work closely with the Welsh Government to deliver this complex project."

MUSIC FOR MIND

MIND Cymru is holding its first Christmas concert in the President's Lounge at the Principality Stadium at 4pm on Sunday, December 3.

The concert will feature the Melingriffith Community Band and award-winning Youth Brass Band, who will be performing a variety of traditional Christmas classics as well as some more modern songs.

Tickets £10 for adults, £8 children and concessions (under-5s are free), and are available from www.mind.org.uk/christmasconcert.

Charity coffee mornings

THE Armed Forces charity, Woody's Lodge, will hold a coffee morning on November 30 from 10am-12pm in Barry.

The event will be held in King Square Art Central Gallery and all are welcome. Entry will be £1.50 and all proceeds will go towards the Vale Mayor's charity, Woody's Lodge.

Woody's Lodge, based in the grounds of HMS Cambria in Sully, was launched to commemorate Marine and Special Boat Service member Paul Woodland from Penarth, who died in 2012.

It aims to provide veterans with access to charities, advice, counselling and a place to socialise with other veterans.

Its motto is: 'Giving Space and Time' and the idea is to have a place

under one roof where veterans of any age or background from the Vale or Cardiff can meet and connect with the help they require, be it social, mental or practical.

It is a special, unique quiet and safe space for veterans to meet with support agencies and to socialise at the same time.

Barry Ladies' Choir will hold a coffee morning on December 7 from 10am-12pm in King Square Art Central Gallery. Entry will be £1.50 and all proceeds will go towards Barry Ladies' Choir.

The choir has been an important part of the local music scene for at least 60 years. It was formed in the 1930s as the Great Western Railway Choir, but changed its name in that period.

Recently, the choir has performed at many functions including

concerts at community centres, hospitals and residential homes. We always welcome new members and if anyone would like to join us, we meet every Tuesday night at 7pm in Crossway Methodist Church, Court Road, Barry (CF63 4ET). The Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles, will hold a coffee morning on December 14 from 10am-12pm in King Square Art Central Gallery. Entry will be £1.50 and all proceeds will go towards the Mayor's charities, including Woody's Lodge.

The Barry and District Soroptomists work at local, national and international level to create opportunities to educate, empower and enable women and girls and to strive for equality for all.

The Soroptomist vision is committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide. Coastlands Family Church Baby Basics project volunteer-led project aims to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burdens of looking after a new baby.

It provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves.

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GWFI Carol Festival
THE GWFI Massed Choir will perform with Elgan Llyr Thomas, Llwyth y Llan Children's Choir and Huw Tregelles Williams on Monday, December 4 at The Brangwyn Hall, Swansea at 7pm (doors open at 6pm).

The conductor will be Alun Tregelles Williams and tickets (£13.50) are available from Federation House, 13 Courtland Place, Port Talbot (SA13 1JJ) on 01639 881588.

Llantwit Major Scout Groups Christmas post
THERE is still time (just) to support your local Scout groups (and save loads on postage) by buying lots of stamps, which can be bought and posted at: Wick village post office; The Choc-olate Box; Toy Master; Co-Op; Spar; Filco; and Vale Gymnastics.

PETERSTON CHRISTMAS FAIR AND MARKET

PETERSTON village market will be holding their annual Christmas market and craft fair on Saturday, December 9 from 10am - 2pm in Peterston-super-Ely village hall.

Please come along and start your Christmas festivities here, entrance is free and you are sure to find something to interest you.

We will have a fabulous range of crafts, homemade cakes and produce, an expanded range of jams, jellies, chutneys and edible Christmas wares. We have a plant stall and fresh Christmas decorations made by members of the Flower and Garden Club.

Entertainment is provided by our primary school choir, St Peter's handbell ringers and is followed by carol singing with the choir to get us in the festive mood, along with mince pies, mulled wine, homemade soup and hot turkey rolls.

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BARRY HIGH STREET ENTERTAINS AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

THE High Street traders' Christmas event is a key date in the Barry calendar, and this year, they held an indoor event which meant there was no need for a road closure.

As you can see from these images, there was lots of entertainment in the shops.

Most importantly, Father Christmas put in an appearance for the many excited children.



Aaron Jamieson (and mother) was one of many people to visit Santa at Nina Estate Agents.



Jasper Blakeley and Frank Haschka of Sideshow Events with Fay Blakeley of Homemade Wales.



Barry Brass Band entertained the crowds.



Santa and his helpers at Nina Estate Agents.



Billboard Ensemble carol singing.



The Butterflies team.

AM congratulates Gibby Green Fingers project

VALE AM Jane Hutt visited the Gibby Green Fingers project to congratulate Nicky Vickery and her team of volunteers for gaining charitable status and taking forward the site in Gibbonsdown.

Ms Hutt said: "The Gibby Green Fingers Charity has given new hope to this 'green haven' in Gibbonsdown, welcoming teams of volunteers and I was delighted to see that the tree I planted nine years ago has grown beautifully! Thank you Nicky for your vision and determination."



Caricaturist Picasso Griffiths with Louise Hawkins.



A history of magistracy for Barry Men's Forum

ON the fourth of November, members of Barry Men's Forum welcomed Lynne Tippet, who gave a very interesting talk on the history and work of magistrates in England and Wales.

The first record of magistrates was during the reign of Richard I, known as The Lionheart, who were charged as Keepers of the Peace and to enforce the laws of the land.

As the years passed, magistrates effectively became the first incarnation of local government, acquiring a range of administrative duties such as the administration of the Poor Laws, maintenance of the transport, infrastructures such as bridges and highways and the regulation of weights and measures.

In addition, they had powers over hanging, whipping and transportation of offenders to distant lands from the early 1600s until the 1830s.

Until 1919, magistrates were all male but the first female was Ade Summers, who was the Mayor of Stalybridge at the time. Now there are more female magistrates than men.

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Tax Help for older people

TOP's income tax surgery will take place at Roz Couzens' Chiropody surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (CF61 1RB) on December 4, from 10am - 12pm.

Free professional advice to older people on a restricted income. No appointment necessary. If a home visit is needed, call the helpline on 0845 6013321 or 01308 488066.

CADOXTON CHRISTMAS CHEER!

We wish you a very merry Cadoxton Christmas

THERE was a time when Cadoxton was its own village – separate from Barry – and the area and its local traders retain that independent feel.

Family businesses on Barry Road, Church Road, Main Street and Vere Street have lasted for decades. People love an established business with a familiar, friendly face.

Carol Brown of Roy's Toys on Main Street is a case in point. The business has now been trading for 35 years and is a firm local favourite. On Friday when The

GEM visited Carol, she was dealing with a constant stream of shoppers regulars, passers-by, and parents who had just picked up the children from school.

The shop is an Aladdin's cave of toys – of course – but much more, with all 'the necessities' for the festive season such as Christmas cards, wrapping paper, tags and gift bags.

Carol keeps up to date with all the latest toy trends so customers can be assured that she will either stock them or order them in.

She said: "The most popular toys this year are scooters. 'Five

Nights at Freddy's', a video game, is also going well."

Despite all the high-tech offerings, it may surprise people to know that board games are still much in demand – and they're a great way of families having a fun time together over the holiday period.

Each year, Roy's Toys has its own Scout Christmas letter box. Deliveries take place across the Vale and Cardiff.

Carol said: "This year's deadline for the Scout post is for December 4, so people want to make sure their cards are in by that Monday."

Just around the corner at 7 Barry Road is Allison's Celebration Cakes.

Allison has been producing spectacular cakes for every sort of occasion since 1989.

Multi-tiered wedding cakes, special occasion cakes and birthday cakes – she does them all.

Each one has its own style. Over the years she's also produced novelty designs as diverse as Star Wars, the Beatles at the Abbey Road zebra crossing, and dogs in their basket.

For people who love cake decoration and sugarcraft, Allison has all the catering ingredients and tools required – sugar flowers, marzipan, cake boards in different colours, cutters, ribbons, edible and non-edible decorations, and cookie cutters. She also does cake stand hire.

For those interested, the Barry and Cardiff Sugarcraft Club meets at St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm on the third Friday of the month.

At this time of the year, people's attention often turns to home interiors and help is at hand at the Curtain and Net Centre at 2 Church Road.

The business offers a wide range of services, including made-to-measure and ready-made curtains, and curtain alterations.

For those wanting a much-loved suite or item of furniture revived, there are services in re-upholstery, furniture repair, and cushion replacement.

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The Curtain and Net Centre has celebrated its 30th anniversary in Cadoxton.



For 28 years, Allison of Allison's Celebration Cakes has been producing special cakes for all sorts of occasions.

'STAR WARS BARBER' IN SPECIAL OPENING



Steve Cleaver of Steve's Barbers.

STEVE'S BARBERS on Vere Street – also known as the 'Star Wars Barber' due to the fantastic displays of movie memorabilia – will be open from 7am until midday on Christmas Eve for appointments only.

The shop is open six days a week, Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm, except for midday closing on Wednesdays

and 3pm on Saturdays. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, so Steve Cleaver, who has run the business since 1999, has made an exception to open up for customers on that day.

Customers don't mind waiting for their hair to be styled or cut at Steve's Barbers; they just sit back and enjoy looking at all the movie and sporting items Steve has accumulated over many years.

Steve books appointments and welcomes walk-ins.

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CADOXTON CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Compassionate support at a time of greatest need

LYNDSAY ELLIS @ The Vale Funeral Service is a family-run business with deep roots in the town.

Headed by husband and wife team, Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis, it incorporates 'W Spickett & Son' which was established in 1837 – it even operates from the same location at 181 Court Road. In fact, Spickett & Son is the oldest funeral director in Barry.

Lyndsay explained the company's ethos: "We can't make the pain of losing a loved one go away, but through our efforts our hope is to make the journey of grief less lonely and to alleviate as much pressure from the family as possible.

"From the moment a family contacts us, we are there for them every step of the journey."

Lyndsay and Nicola and the team have established an excellent

reputation over the years.

A recent heartfelt testimonial read: "A big thank you to Lyndsay and the team for the brilliant service you provided. You took the stress away from us at this difficult time. You are above excellent, very professional and compassionate in what you do."

The business is well known for its support of local events and charity initiatives, and Lyndsay added: "We are very proud of being part of the Cadoxton and Barry community."

Lyndsay and Nicola are also delighted with excellent contribution to the business of Ben Hartery who is progressing to become a funeral director.

The telephone number for 'Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service' is 01446 407962.

For more information, go to: www.valefuneralservice.co.uk.

Carols in Cadoxton for Macmillan charity

THE ninth annual carol concert in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care takes place at Victoria Park on Friday, December 8.

It's a great opportunity for people to get into the Christmas spirit. The event is led by Julie Mahoney and the fabulous Barry Brass Band (BBB).

Carols begin at 6pm and there will be song sheets for everyone.

One of the organisers said: "Bring your best singing voice with you. Enjoy all your old favourites, bring the whole family, and your friends, and start to feel Christmassy!"

"Rowena and the BBB team will have teas, coffees, cakes, buns, and warm soup and rolls – all ready to keep you warm and in good voice. There will be a fun raffle, tombola and lots of prizes.



The event is led by Barry Brass Band.

"All proceeds from the event will go directly to Macmillan, so come and sing, and support a very worthy cause. Last year we raised over £600, so let's see if we can beat it."

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Cadoxton Christmas

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There's a free quote service, Monday to Friday.

The Curtain and Net Centre has celebrated its 30th anniversary in Cadoxton – more proof that local people love tried and tested family businesses.

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Christmas Selection Box Appeal

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From now until Wednesday 22nd December donations can be brought to our office:
Lyndsay Ellis @ The Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Cadoxton, Barry. 01446 407962

Barry Rotary support Llamau



Jeff Howells (Llamau support assistant), Jordan Jenkins (Llamau), Caz Davies (Llamau area manager), Ann Harry and Jill Osborne.

AS part of their ongoing commitment to supporting their local community, the Rotary Club of Barry have presented a variety of gifts to the Llamau 2017 Christmas Appeal.

Llamau supports vulnerable young people and adults in the Vale. President nominee Ann Harry and president Jill Osborne recently visited Llamau to meet some of the staff and residents and present the gifts.

These donations have been made possible thanks to the generosity of the general public supporting the Rotary Club's ongoing fundraising events.

Anyone wishing to

contribute to the Llamau Christmas appeal can contact Llamau at their office at 236 Holton Road, Barry (CF63 4HS) or call 01446 748853 or email jigso@llamau.org.uk.

Rotary has 1.2 million members (men and women) worldwide who form a global network of business, professional and community volunteers. The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook on Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm.

If you would like further information speak to secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or look online at www.ribi.org.

Autumn and her kittens are looking for homes



MOTHER Autumn and her kittens Acorn, Bramble, Conker and Maple looking for new homes this winter.

The gorgeous kittens are at the Cats Protection Adoption Centre in Bridgend, and will be ready to go to their forever homes from the New Year.

Anyone interested in offering a home to one of these kittens, or their mother, or to any of the other cats and kittens in the care of the Bridgend Adoption Centre, should contact 01656 724396 or bridgend@cats.org.uk.

Can you offer Autumn or her kittens a home? Photo by Sue Dobbs.

Otis is looking for an active home!

OTIS is a fit nine-year-old Patterdale Terrier and despite his age, he still has bags of energy to burn, so he is looking for an active home.

He is a very bright lad and still loves to learn new tricks! He does enjoy his walks, having a good run off lead and playing with



his toys.

Otis tends to prefer socialising with female dogs (he is a proper

little charmer). He is house trained and can be left for a few hours. He can live with children 11 years and above and is missing his home comforts.

If you would like to know more about Otis, then contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219 or pop down to the centre at Court Colman CF31 4NG. You can also visit the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

NFU ladies hold fashion show

A BIG thank you goes to the Barry store, Bon Marché for staging a wonderful fashion show with the NFU ladies as models.

Mrs Kay Gay thanked the ladies for their hard work, which was enjoyed by all.

Numerous raffle prizes were also won. On December 13, the meeting of the NFU Ladies takes place at 7pm in Penllyn Church when a carol service will be held, followed by a party in Penllyn Village hall. Everyone should bring a plate of food. **RJE**

Sophie raises money for Marie Curie

MISS Sophie Norris (22) of Barry recently held a charity event to help raise funds for the Penarth Marie Curie Hospice by selling Christmas lollipops.

In the process Sophie raised £50 towards the charity.

Back in April 2017, Sophie won the title of Miss Vale Of Glamorgan, and Marie Curie was her chosen charity.

Sophie continues to raise money for the hospice and in total has raised £450.

Sophie says she will continue to help and support Marie Curie and will raise vital funds for people with terminal illnesses.

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A photograph of two men, likely the founders, standing behind a bar. They are both wearing green jackets. The man on the right is holding a glass of beer. The bar is decorated with various beer bottles and glasses, and there are green and white striped decorations hanging from the ceiling.

Warming mulled Vale Cider. Cheers, lads!



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The lights were switched on to great fanfare last week, Santa Claus and his reindeer drew the crowds and everyone seemed to

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Christmas in Bridgend

Green Men at Theodore Sons & Daughters Reclamation and Building Salvage.

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Another way to warm my cockles was a quick visit to the **Taste of Thailand** (Facebook: Taste of Thailand Bridgend) stall, which also has a very successful couple of sites in the **indoor market**.

All the favourites are there, from *tom yum* (hot sour soup) to *gaeng ped* (red curry) and *gaeng massaman* to *pad thai*. Run by a lovely family, this is authentic Thai food. I should know; I lived in Thailand for nigh-on a decade.

But before stepping inside the market, a quick jaunt to the town-centre butcher, **T & H Morris**, and an Aladdin's cave of meaty delights.

"Everything is as local as possible," Tudor tells me as he makes up packs of



venison from an estate hardly any distance away.

Local turkeys, lamb and beef are available, as well as a range of home-made sausages (the Welsh Dragon is my choice), sausage-meat for stuffing and dry-cured bacon are all produced.

Game, he confides, is growing in popularity for the Christmas feast, and venison as described, as well as game birds are on offer.

There is even free delivery, but call for details. T & H Morris

Butchers, Dunraven Place, 01656 768620.

Into the market and I catch the aroma of Thai food and a full English breakfast, but no time to stop, sadly.

It's over to the **fruit and veg stall** for a quick chat with Martin Nagle, who tells me that fruit and veg boxes are a speciality, as are decorative fruit baskets.

Lifelike *faux* holly wreaths are on display but, he advises, "We'll have the real thing in next week".

There might even be mistletoe soon...

He can also deliver; call 07772 657296 or visit for details.

Over on his **pet stall**, Martin says that a loyalty-card scheme is proving popular.

"Our deal at the moment is for Burns Pet Nutrition," he begins. "Buy seven 2-kilogramme bags – ask for a loyalty card first – and get the eighth free."

A range of treats and gifts, including toys, collars and leads for the special pet in your life, is also available.

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Seasons opens its doors for Christmas 2017



SEASONS, Wales' largest Christmas store, opens its doors with all its new ranges for this coming festive season on the Brynmenyn Industrial Estate near Bridgend.

This truly unique Christmas store is a must see if you love everything 'Christmas'.

Now in its 17th year of selling Christmas products, this family business continues to expand with this year set to be the best ever.

The buyers at Seasons Christmas Outlet have yet again

come up trumps scouring Europe and beyond sourcing thousands and thousands of exciting new items for their ever-growing army of customers. People young and old flock from all over the UK and abroad to see this truly sparkling magical store.

Seasons now stocks somewhere in the region of 20,000 Christmas goods, Christmas decorations, artificial trees and so much more, all under one roof. Browse Season's online store too, where items are also available to purchase on its impressive website.

There several spectacular display areas in the store. First

stop for most visitors is its dazzling fibre optic and LED room, showcasing hundreds of indoor and outdoor items lit up.

Further inside you'll discover the stunning and popular Santa's Christmas Grotto, which always sells out and is now in its fourth year.

Earlier this year, Seasons' team of elves were busy redecorating Santa's home. The grotto's new makeover theme is surely set to delight Santa and his visitors once again.

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A brighter Bridgend Christmas

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Martin's third stall in the indoor market is the **lingerie shop**, with a range of foundation garments, frillies, Cutty Sarks*, pyjamas,

nighties and all sorts of other unmentionables.

Before leaving **Bridgend Indoor Market**, don't forget that the recently-rebuilt **Rhui car park** offers free, yes, free, parking

for the first two hours.

All the traders agree that this is a good idea, even though the free parking scheme will end in March 2018.

Just like Jack Hargreaves, I am

heading out of town, although hardly into the rural wilds of the county.

First stop is **Theodore Sons & Daughters Reclamation and Building Salvage**.

Having already used the phrase 'Aladdin's Cave', I must employ another.

It is the King Solomon's Mines of reclamation yards, and for someone like me who prefers old to new, and knows that chaps like Denis Theodore have been 'recycling', 'reloving' and 'upcycling' since before the hipsters that use these words were born, it's like a toy shop.

Slates? Yep. Doors? But of course. A chimney pot? Not a problem. Finials and crests? More than you can shake a stick at. Woodburners, hearths and beams? Oh yes...

Theodore's - on North Road in Bridgend Industrial Estate - is the place.

If they don't have it, they can usually source it. If you have something to sell, they

may wish to buy it.

I ask Denis about 'trends', and in addition to woodburners and fireplaces ("The things everyone was ripping out 30 years ago..." he says), the Green Man, a symbol of rebirth, is rather in vogue these days and enjoying its own second coming. For the man who thinks he has everything, a quick visit to Theodore Sons & Daughters will prove them wrong. An ideal, and very different, shopping experience.

Call 01656 648936 or visit www.theodore-reclamation.co.uk.

A slight change of pace, and time to reflect that, for some, Christmas can be a trial, especially those mourning and particularly if this Christmas will be the first following the death of someone close.

Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services are extending a warm invitation to join them for their first Christmas Memorial Service which will take place on Friday, December 8 at Salem Chapel,

Pencoed at 7pm.

Amy Watkins tells me: "Christmas is a wonderful time of the year for many but also one of sadness for those who have lost a loved one."

"We hope that our Christmas Memorial Service will become an annual event and will help remind families who have suffered a loss of the warmth of shared Christmases past, of the brightest Christmases to come and the importance of fellowship and support."

"Our service includes the opportunity to place a remembrance star on our memorial Christmas tree or to light a candle."

The service will be led by Reverend Richard Roberts and there will be performances from soloist Claire Edwards and Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, which will also lead some carol singing.

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Entry is free of charge and everyone will receive a warm welcome. Light refreshment will be served following the service.

Amy added: "Our chosen charity for this year's service is Y Bont, a purpose-built family centre situated on Ewenny Road, Bridgend that provides care and support to children with disabilities and their families. We will be having a collection on the evening for this wonderful charity."

For further information please contact Amy Watkins by email contact@melandronwatkinsfuneralservices.co.uk or telephone 01656 860545.

Over in pleasant Ewenny, Sam of the eponymous **Samantha b ladies boutique** tells

'Please don't give pets as Christmas presents'



Kittens may be cute, but they don't make good Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS is approaching fast, but please do not give pets to young children for Christmas.

They will be so excited to see if Santa has been and overwhelmed by the amount of gifts they get, the poor little pet is often forgotten about on the day.

If you have lots of visitors, doors will be open and they could slip out unnoticed. A pet is a commitment from the start and could live up to 19 years of age, if a

kitten or pup.

If your child would like a pet, think hard about it and get one after Christmas when things have calmed down.

People get offended if we refuse a kitten for Christmas, but kittens might get frightened and bewildered, they might then scratch and become nasty – that's when they are returned.

They need a quiet environment, to be socialised properly to grow up into a lovable companion to the family.

Maesteg Animal Welfare Society would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas.

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"Regardless of how remaps might be marketed by various companies offering tuning services, there's only really two results maximum performance or maximum economy from the engine.

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Happy Christmas, readers!

*A brand of whisky, a famous tea clipper, a fictional witch (from *Tam O'Shanter* by Robert Burns), and for the purposes of this piece, a type of undergarment.

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Suburbicon – ‘Clooney covers the Coens and misses the high notes’



by
GARETH JAMIESON
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A & E unit ‘is now safe’

IHAD a letter printed in The GEM September 7 issue where I stated that ‘It beggars belief if the A & E department at The Royal Glamorgan is to close’.

I have today (November 27) attended a Welsh Health Specialist Services Committee meeting primarily to discuss and be informed about a major trauma network for south Wales, west Wales and south Powys as well as the future of thoracic surgery services in south Wales.

Also talked about was the Wellbeing Charter, all of which was very interesting and informative.

Among the questions that I asked was about the future of the A & E department at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital and it was confirmed by the chief executive that it will definitely be staying open!

Brilliant news for not only all of the residents in their catchment area, but all the excellent staff as well.

I certainly hope that you consider this letter worth printing as I feel sure it will impart brilliant news for your readers in the Royal Glamorgan area.

Thank you once again for such a good informative newspaper.

Season's greetings to one and all.
D Allan,
Name and address supplied.

THERE are things that just go together and work perfectly. Lennon and McCartney, gin and tonic (ice and a slice please), and, cinematically, George Clooney and the Coen brothers.

Clooney has worked with the siblings four times, but their latest collaboration has a slightly different slant, as Clooney and writing partner Grant Heslov have used an existing Coen's script for his sixth film as a director, *Suburbicon*.

Set in 1959, the titular town is shaken up both by the arrival of an African-American family, the Mayers, and also by the murder of Rose Lodge (Julianne Moore) after a home invasion.

As her husband Gardner (Matt Damon) and his son Nicky (Noah Jupe) try to readjust to their lives, Rose's twin sister Margaret (also Moore) moves into the family home.

But when insurance agent Bud Cooper (Oscar Isaac) starts sniffing around the family, suspicions grow about people's actions and intentions, and *Suburbicon* becomes a less-than-ideal place to live...

Suburbicon is a peculiar little film. On the one hand, you have the noir-ish story of a home invasion that leads to a murder, the lives of those involved irrevocably changed and their involvement questioned.

On the other, the story of how an African-American family move into the heartland of the American dream and find the welcome less than warm.

What is most disappointing is that George Clooney's film doesn't hit home with the first element of the story. The second is ill-served and feels more like a

footnote or an attempt to bring some relevance to an otherwise straightforward-ish story of greed and violence (not for nothing do the Mayers have a fence built around their home – walls must have been in short supply).

What feels most awkward is that Clooney and Grant Heslov have taken a Coen brothers' script and attempted to inject a social relevance to it, and the join is clear to see – the story of Gardner Lodge and the home invasion, and the fallout, is pure Coens while the Mayers' story feels like Clooney crusading for the right reasons, much like *Good Night and Good Luck*.

It feels as if these would make two individual pieces of work rather than the ill-fitting film that results, and Clooney feels adrift in what it is he's trying to say. Certainly his depiction of the late 1950s American suburbs, with their prim and proper lawns, jolly postmen and gazes over the picket fence is spot on, but he is on less steady ground dealing with the dark underbelly.

Films like *Double Indemnity* and *Strangers on a Train* are obvious touchstones for Clooney and there is an edgy malevolence he brings to the table, but the story is lacking.

The big reveal comes too early, so rather than a steady build of clues as we see events unfold from the point of view of Nicky, we know exactly what's going on and that it most certainly isn't going to end well.

The performances are decent, but nothing overly captivating, both Matt Damon and Julianne Moore playing the 1950s ideal and digging beneath the surface, while Noah Jupe as Nicky is engaging as his world is turned upside down, and Oscar Isaac's

shifty investigator is an ice-cold blast of Coen-ese, essayed shortly, but sharply, by the actor.

If you know your Coens, then you'll guess where the story may end up; after all murky men (and women) with murky morals and even murkier methods are very rarely rewarded by the brothers, but the Mayers' story, which you always feel is going somewhere, that will tie up some loose end, doesn't. Instead, they seem to be there purely as a plot point, which is immensely disappointing, as Clooney is a filmmaker who you feel has more smarts than that.

It all ends up as a bit of a raggedy mess, a film that ultimately doesn't really engage. It's a shame that *Suburbicon* is that kind of film, as the potential for more is evident, but you can almost see why the Coen brothers left this to one side, and Clooney's involvement adds very little.

VERDICT: The sound (and sight) of George Clooney covering the Coen brothers and missing the high notes, *Suburbicon* is a film you would rightly expect so much more of – but you don't get it. Clooney's direction mines the likes of Hitchcock, Wilder and Stirk, but his efforts at injecting social relevance are misguided and ultimately defunct. There is a sharper noir, and a civil rights film, to be made from *Suburbicon*, but patched together, it makes for a disappointing effort. *Poor*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Man Who Wasn't There* (2001), *Double Indemnity* (1944).
*See The GEM's website on Friday for Gareth's take on *Battle of the Sexes*.

One lucky school wins all categories of Mayor's Christmas card competition



Winner Amy Quance.

MANY schools throughout the Vale entered and standards were, said a spokesperson, “extremely high”.

Remarkably, however, all three winners were chosen from the same school: Y Bont Faen Primary.

The winners were Amy Quance from year-6, Harry Williams from nursery and Emily Wallis from reception.

These winning designs will be printed, and sent as digital Christmas cards, from the MD of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Rob Thomas and Leader of the Vale Council Cllr John Thomas, all over the UK and Europe.

Highly commended entries came from Dylan Bail-Braunton, Peter Coe, Katie Gardener, Lottie Smale, Seren Morgan and Oscar Birrane.



Second place Harry Williams.

Twelve Days of Christmas in one day at yacht club

BARRY Yacht Club started off the festive season with a ‘bang’ when its annual Christmas fayre took place.

Organiser Lis Frearson had ensured that gifts galore were there to be had for discerning buyers: from bespoke jewellery to beautiful hand-made crafts and not forgetting the wonderful Christmas cake stall, RNLI Christmas cards and Scout Post stamps.

On the first day of Christmas, we had BYC member Karen Donkin selling wares at the entrance to the Christmas fayre. Club members Joan and Clive Powell displayed many stunning photographs they have taken this year as BYC's official photographers.

On the second day of Christmas, we had jewellery to rival Bond Street, London.

On the third day of Christmas, we had festive gifts, from festive jam jar covers to personalised Christmas cards, traditional bunting to photograph frames.

On the fourth day of Christmas, we had a stall full of beautiful local oil paintings, watercolours and sketches of the natural Barry habitat. One particular sketch was of a rather cheeky looking rabbit – many people have forgotten that prior to the Island becoming a seaside resort, there was a large colony of rabbits on Barry Island.

On the fifth day of Christmas, we had beautiful linen teddy bears, hand embroidered with tiny flowers of every description in a rainbow of colours. If anyone was looking for a family heirloom to pass down through the generations, then this was the stall to head for. Indeed, there were other treasures to be found there with

stunning hand-painted silk scarves in an array of colours.

On the sixth day of Christmas, it was time to sit down and have a cup of tea or coffee in the galley.

On the seventh day of Christmas, it was time to have a catch up with old friends and fellow members.

On the eighth day of Christmas, it was back into the fayre to discover more Christmas treasures for family and friends and the temptation proved to be too great for most of us.

On the ninth day of Christmas, we were enchanted by a table of Christmas tea lights in beautifully painted glass Christmas candle holders together, with the cutest little bird's nest boxes you will ever see – complete with a miniature seagull on the top!

On the tenth day of Christmas, the sun had started to set on what had been a truly wonderful Christmas fayre on a beautiful crisp early winter's day.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, we started to pack up the stalls for another year and the galley poured its final cups of tea.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, it was time to say a very big ‘thank you’ to all the traders who had set up stalls at Barry Yacht Club and to the members who contributed to the day's success.

STEVEN LORD

VALE GUNDOG TRAINER IN SWEDISH TUTORIAL



Mike Larkin (far right) is shown at the award presentation to the winner of the Swedish competition.

MIKE LARKIN, a gundog trainer and judge who lives in the Vale, has returned after holding a seminar in Sweden last weekend.

Mr Larkin said: “It was a trial and judging seminar to show the Swedes how to judge in the British way.

“We were invited over by the Swedish Gundog Society. The society is keen to catch up with how we run events in Britain and make sure they are running theirs correctly.”

Fellow Welsh judge, Roger Tozer from Cwmbran, also made the trip.

Mike recently handed on his expertise to gundog enthusiasts in the Czech Republic. Next March, he will be going to Switzerland, and he's off to Germany in July and September.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, December 3 at 10.30am meet at the entrance of Tesco, Porth Road in Barry for ‘Church and Huge Christmas Wreath’.

On December 5 at 10am, Crwydro at Coffee Cove, Ynys y Barri.

On Wednesday, December 6 the Coffee Shop Strollers Cosmeston meet at 10.30am outside the Cosmeston visitor centre. Meet at 2.30pm the same day in Llantwit Major in the town hall car park, for a walk with the Coffee Shop Strollers there.

On Thursday, December 7 the Secondary Breast Cancer Strollers meet at 10.30am at the information centre at Cosmeston.

NSPCC trip cancelled

THE NSPCC trip to the Bath Christmas market due to take place on Sunday, December 3, has been cancelled.

For refunds, contact Ewa Thomas on 01446 771728.

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Taking care of Christmas at Sublime Hair and Beauty are (left to right): Naomi, Tyler, Vanessa and Ceri.



Local businesses stand the test of time in Rhooose

RHOOSE is one place in the Vale that is hard to categorise.

Its population has increased over the last 10 years, and it spreads out over quite an area now – way too big to be a village.

But, it hasn't yet been reclassified as a town, even though its population passed that of Cowbridge 20 years ago, and it is now more than 50 per cent bigger than the Vale's market town.

Indeed, at the 2000 census, Rhooose was just over half the size of Llantwit Major, but by 2016, it was up to 75 per cent (6,230 against 8,552).

The town's shopping area is concentrated along its main road, either side of the primary school and, with its proximity to the Heritage Coast, it is a popular holiday area.

It seems to be the case

that businesses who open in Rhooose seem to stay open, quickly establishing a regular clientele and giving the business owners a chance to grow steadily and in a sustainable way.

Typical of this is Sublime Hair and Beauty, where owner Vanessa has been in business for six-and-a-half years. Before that she was in St Athan for 23 years, so she knows the business inside out.

Vanessa, Tyler and Ceri are the hairdressers, while Naomi is a beautician and, with the festive season in mind, they will be opening late on Fridays and early on Saturdays in the run up to Christmas.

Also, during December, out of hours appointments can be arranged too.

Sublime Hair and Beauty will be delighted to welcome customers, old and new, as we approach Christmas.

Another business

where the owners have been settled in Rhooose for some time is The Fontygary Inn, where Kerry and Kevin Eade recently celebrated their 10th year in the premises.

That's quite an achievement these days in the pub trade, but Kevin puts that down to developing a great relationship with the community.

The pub gets much valued trade from the nearby holiday parks, but locals matter to any local pub.

Kevin said: "We've always had great support from the community. It's really good to see locals bringing friends along, and then seeing those friends come back! This year, we are offering a big Christmas welcome to all our customers."

It's a pub that is licensed 365 days a year, and one regular festive spot that has become popular is the Boxing Day Race Night.

They do breakfasts, lunchtime offers, and evening offers such as two sirloin 8oz steaks for £14.95 (Monday to Thursday). It's a pub that listens to what customers want, and goes out of its way to provide it.

Back in the main shopping area, Glenys Watson runs Coffee Time, open 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, giving locals a little haven to stop and have a tea, coffee or

snack.

It's time for her to have her Turkey baguettes ready once again (always a big hit at this time of year) and she also has a wide range of speciality lattes, spiced and enticing with Christmassy flavours.

Good value home-made food is her trademark, and Coffee Time has become a Rhooose fixture as a result.

Glenys said: "I would like to thank all my customers for their business over the year, and wish them all a happy time this Christmas."

Not every business in Rhooose is on the main thoroughfare. Head off along Rhooose Road towards the airport and you will find 'Passport to Play' – another long-established local business.

The nursery has been running for 10 years now, ever since Rose and Rebecca (a mother and daughter team) opened it.

Passport to Play takes children from six weeks to 11 years, and has grown to the point where they employ 18 staff.

It's another example of a local business that has grown as a result of providing a good, consistent and reliable service for the people of Rhooose.

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ABOVE: Take a break at Coffee Time



All ready for Christmas at the Six Bells, Penmark.

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RHOOSE for a Cosy Village Christmas

Rhooose community is ready for Christmas



There's a warm welcome at Deano's Barbers.



Kerry and Kevin are celebrating 10 years at the Fontygary Inn (above).

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Just outside Rhooose is the hamlet of Penmark, where you will find The Six Bells, which has developed an outstanding reputation in recent years thanks to the efforts of the owners Mark and James.

People love a traditional Welsh pub and at Christmas, with its cosy, friendly atmosphere, it ticks all the boxes.

The high quality of its dining is recognised not just in the Vale, but further afield in Cardiff and Bridgend.

On Facebook, one fan from across the Severn, Elaine, commented: "I've had many meals there. I come from Kent to see family and always visit the Six Bells for a meal. We had a party there for my niece. The staff are great as well."

Another customer Nick added: "It's one of

the friendliest pubs I've been in - ever!"

To book a meal in the day or evening call 01446 710229.

The Six Bells is an ideal, relaxing venue for office lunches too and has ample car parking. If you would like a menu sent to your business, just email mail@sixbellspenmark.co.uk

For more information on The Six Bells, Penmark (CF62 3BP) go to www.sixbellspenmark.co.uk

Returning to Rhooose, another established business is Posh Pawz, run by Kath and Jo, who have been in town for over five years.

Christmas is the busiest time of the year, with owners smartening up their dogs before taking them to family gatherings.

It is in fact their sixth Christmas here, so they know what to expect

and, as well as offering their skills at smartening up the scruffiest pooch, they have stocked up for the season too, with accessories, treats, and even doggie Christmas jumpers.

To make sure that you can smarten up your dog close to the big day, they will be staying open until December 23, before taking a break until January 3.

Just down the road from Posh Pawz is Deano's Barbers - yet another long-established business, making its way by providing good service and a warm welcome.

Deano told The GEM: "We have two barbers who are kept busy, and I would like to thank all our existing customers for their business."

"It will be a pleasure to see any customers new to the area who would like to call in."

Yet another pub/restaurant that has stayed in the same hands is The Highway, at Nurston, just outside Rhooose. The owner, Derek Gaynor, said: "This has been our best year ever."

"It has been busy and in the run up to Christmas, I would strongly recommend that people should book ahead - it's not essential but definitely advisable."

"Recently, our 'scores on the door' went up from four to five, and we have extended our great value over-60s menu until 5pm."

"We changed the menu a bit over the summer and, combined



Kath and Jo will pamper your pooch at Posh Pawz.

with the local airport carrying more passengers, we are definitely seeing a spin off."

The Highwayman, of course, also runs an airport parking service from a site next door, so the prospects are good.

Prospects, it has to be said, are good for the

community of Rhooose too, with its perfect location on the Heritage Coast, and local businesses that know the value of good service.

There's never a bad time to visit Rhooose, and traders are looking forward to another good year.

A BUMPER CHRISTMAS IS AHEAD FOR RHOOSE

RHOOSE is already in the Christmas mood, with Rhooose Christmas Market planned for Saturday, December 2 at the Rhooose Community Hall on Stewart Road, with Rhooose Community Library Christmas Fair on December 6 and Rhooose Community Cinema on December 16.

The details for Rhooose Christmas Market on December 2 which include the Christmas tree and winter scene lights are as follows:

12pm - 4.30pm: Christmas market open.

1pm - 4pm: Santa visiting for the children, £3 each.

4.30pm - 5pm: Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band

5.30pm - 6pm: The Scoundrels.

6.30pm - 7pm Tenovus Choir.

7pm: Christmas tree and winter scene lights turn on. There will also be a bar, mince pies and mulled wine.

On Saturday, December 9, Rhooose

Community Library will be holding its first-ever Christmas Fair from 1pm to 4pm. There will be refreshments, children's activities, Christmas gift/decoration stalls as well as book/toys/puzzles stall. There will also be a chocolate tombola and a craft stall.

There will be a Christmas raffle draw with a prize luxury Christmas hamper as first prize, a Christmas cake for the second prize and a third prize of a bottle of wine.

On Saturday, December 16, Rhooose Community Cinema presents *Love Actually* (15). Showtime is 7.15pm. All tickets £5 (includes a mince pie).

Sunday, December 17, *Elf* (PG). Doors open at 1.45pm, showtime 2.15pm.

All tickets are £3.50 and it includes a visit and gift from Santa for every child.

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Storage? It's an elf-and-safety matter



Santa and one of his helpful Elves caching presents in the Elf Storage facility.

THE world's population is increasing, and consequently Father Christmas needs more space to store the toys and gifts produced at his North Pole headquarters before the big delivery date.

Savvy old Santa has, according to Shaun Duncan, Dainton Storage's operations director, been using his local Dainton Elf Storage [NB No elves are stored in the containers] to meet peak demand and now the storage company is offering members of the public a similar service to the one used by Saint Nick.

Mr Duncan said: "Father Christmas has been using our Elf Storage for many years to cope with increasing global demand for his services. The planning restrictions at the North Pole mean he cannot extend his workshop or build new facilities so he has turned to Elf Storage as a solution."

It is, said Mr Duncan, an ideal way to keep a child's (or an adult's) prying eyes away from the surprise to be opened on Christmas morn.

"You can be confident that with Elf

Storage your presents are safe from curious children and partners," he said.

In return for free storage of Christmas presents, Dainton is asking for a small voluntary contribution, which will be given to an organisation that helps other children and young people.

Mr Duncan said: "Elf Storage is our way of lending a helping hand as well as raising money to support an organisation that runs drop-in centres, sports and other social events for disadvantaged children."

Dainton will store the Christmas gifts in their secure storage units ready for collection on or before December 24. Elf Storage is perfect for storing bikes or a collection of smaller presents.

The company has already had enquiries about the service and is confident of exceeding its fundraising goal.

For inquiries about Elf Storage, call Dainton's Bridgend depot on 01656 750293, email bridgend@dainton.com or visit dainton.com/elf-storage.

Contrary to popular culture, there is no miracle on 34th Street; Dainton's is on Coity Road in Bridgend.

How the job she loves helped Janet through personal tragedy

A BRIDGEND care home manager whose job looking after elderly people helped her cope with the loss of her husband is boasting national awards glory.

Grandmother-of-four Janet Paynter scooped the silver award at this year's Wales Care Awards, held at City Hall in Cardiff.

The 63-year-old, from Queens Street, Tondu, Bridgend, was nominated for the 'Outstanding Service' gong, sponsored by Hallmark Care Homes, following 28 years at Treetops Care Home in Brynmynyn, Bridgend.

The national awards, run by Care Forum Wales and sponsored by Oxtex Healthcare and Barchester Jobs, acknowledge the hard work and exceptional performances of those in the care sector.

Janet accepted her award at a ceremony hosted by tenor and radio presenter Wynne Evans, best known as 'Gio Compario' from the Go Compare TV adverts.

Janet, who worked as a cook in Glanrhyd Hospital in Bridgend where she met her husband, a hospital porter, before moving

across to care work, said: "I feel fantastic about being shortlisted. I don't normally like any fuss or praise but I do feel special and my family are very proud."

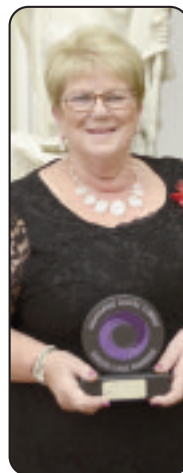
"It's come at just the right time and it's really nice to be appreciated." Janet admits life has been difficult since her husband David, 57, died from a brain tumour three years ago but says her passion for care and making a difference to people's lives has helped her cope.

The care home manager, who has a daughter, Claire, 43, and a son Clive, 40, hasn't had a day off sick in 28 years.

She began working at Treetops in 1989 as a care assistant, gaining a number of on-the-job qualifications over the years before deputising for the former manager after around 10 years. The manager's post came up 18 years ago and Janet successfully applied.

The 31-bed care home provides residential care for elderly people including those living with dementia and Janet says it has become her "second family".

The fulfilment she gets from her job was a lifeline in the early days of bereavement and Janet says she couldn't



Janet with her silver care award.

have coped without having the home as a purpose to get up every morning.

"My family gives me purpose, and my grandsons, but my job is so important to me," she said.

"It keeps me going. I don't class it as a job. I love talking to the residents and staff and a problem shared is a problem halved."

"David wasn't even ill leading up to his diagnosis so it came as a bit of a shock. He came

home one morning from his job at a parcel firm and didn't look very well. We went to the doctor and they sent him for tests at the hospital. I honestly thought he'd had a mini stroke but he had a grade four brain tumour.

"They gave him a year but he was dead within eight weeks. He passed away in the car on his way home from hospital one day."

He put his hand on my knee and gasped and then he was gone.

"I think about him every day. I don't know how I would've coped if it hadn't been for everyone here – even the residents. He used to come up here and chat to them too."

Janet said there was never any question that she would work in the care industry, as looking after people is part of who she is.

"I was brought up by my grandparents and I looked after them as they got older. My grandmother, Margaret Green, was 55 when I was born and so I looked after her in old age," she said.

"My granddad, Cyril, was 82 when he died and my grandmother was 86. I'm still living in the house they brought me up in."

"I've always been

caring. Growing up, I knew everyone in the street and would always go and help the older lady next door or make a dinner for the old man who lived across the road. I'd known them all my life."

"I wouldn't do anything else. If I retire here I will volunteer and come and chat with the residents. Lots of clients don't have anyone to visit them and they need someone to talk to. Sometimes it's all they have. It's such a rewarding job."

"I love my job, I get pleasure out of it because I'm giving to others. That's all I need."

Nominating Janet for the award, Ramesh Patel, operations manager at Careinn Ltd, which owns the home, said: "Janet does not see the residents at Treetops as residents, or as service users, or clients. She treats them as members of her extended family."

"Janet's philosophy is to run a homely, family-friendly care home – one that she would be happy to have her own grandparents to live in."

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Community choir's Christmas concert



COME and join Barry Community Choir for a sparkling Christmas concert which will be held at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry on Sunday, December 10 at 3pm.

The choir will perform songs old and new and would love you to join in with them to sing some beloved carols.

To top this off, we are welcoming harpist Eluned Henry. Add to this a grand Christmas raffle, a programme prize and delicious festive refreshments afterwards – all for the ticket price of £7 (children under 16 are free).

Tickets are available via the choir's website and Facebook, from choir members and on the door. Call Sheila 01446 748724 or Helen 029 2053 1359 for more information or to order tickets.

We look forward to welcoming you to "Jingle all the Way" with us!

Hospice appreciates donations for remembrance event



Kay French, chef at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, with wine donations for Lights to Remember's mulled wine.

A SERVICE to help people remember someone special takes place this weekend – and organisers have thanked everyone who responded to their appeal for wine for the evening.

The Marie Curie Lights to Remember event will take place outside the charity's Bridgeman Road hospice for the first time this year, at Y Kymyn on Beach Road, Penarth.

As well as a moment of remembrance, the evening will include carol singing and entertainment, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Spiritual care co-ordinator, Claire Wretham, who will open the service, said: "This time of year provides a chance for reflection as the new year is in sight and the lights to remember is a service designed for families, friends and loved ones to come together and remember their lost one, to join with others who are bereaved and to

celebrate all that that individual was to them."

Sara Bass, fundraising manager for Wales, thanked all those who had already donated wine to be mulled for the evening, and encouraged people to join to remember loved ones.

Jill Taylor, who volunteers at the fundraising office in Penarth, will be volunteering at the event for the second year.

"Though it can be an emotional event, it is a very rewarding one to volunteer at," she said.

"For a lot of people, it's nice for them to be able to remember their loved one, and have someone to talk to about their memories."

As well as wine, cups have been donated to the hospice for the evening from Waterloo Tea, Crazy Café and Coffee One in Penarth.

Any other Christmas donations of drinks or Christmas treats for the wards can also be sent to the fundraising office at the hospice.

The evening begins at 6pm on Sunday, December 3.

Autism Awareness Month: make changes happen

IWOULD like to share my thoughts with you about autism. True evolution, in my view, is a marriage between the autistic and the norm.

A full endorsement of this philosophy should be adopted by society in Wales.

Hopefully, things will change: an autism bill will be passed and the provision will improve.

November is Autism Awareness Month and is an opportunity to contemplate the rights that people with autism deserve.

We must make these changes happen. **Aled Thomas, Penarth.**

ALL SAINTS CINEMA CLUB IN PENARTH

THE next screening by the All Saints Cinema Club will be on Thursday, December 7, at All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. The film will be *White Christmas*, starring Bing Crosby, the famous Christmas must-see film.

Doors open 7pm, ticket £7.50 to include glass of wine/soft drink on arrival and seasonal refreshments in the interval. Tickets are available from Jane McLaughlin on 02920 708088. Seats are limited, so don't delay and reserve your place today!

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is pleased to announce that its Third Sector Consortium Toolkit is now available.

It contains useful information for individuals or groups who are thinking of working together in a consortium.

The toolkit contains top 10 tips for creating and working in a consortium,

information on the barriers to consortium working and how to overcome them, guidance on consortium working with large funders and support with tendering for goods and services.

The toolkit has been produced following a successful, three-year, consortium development project managed by GVS and funded by the Vale Council's Voluntary Action Scheme.

Over 160 meetings were attended by GVS's consortium development officer, 12 consortia were developed, three attracted funding and another is working well as a partnership.

The funding received represents a

seven-fold return on the Council's initial grant investment.

One full-time and six part-time posts have been created and over 40 organisations have worked together on projects and developed valuable contacts and knowledge and understanding of each other's work.

The toolkit can be downloaded free from: www.gvs.wales/news/2017/10/toolkit

Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), Tel: 01446 741706, E-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales, Website: www.gvs.wales.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01099/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: To clad all sides of the house from first floor up, (excluding areas of stone wall). To change windows to front of house from existing pvc-u to sash windows. To have flue for log burning stove rising from flat roof. Replacement of existing balustrade

Location/Lleoliad: The Coach House, Beach Lane, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01213/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Single storey side and rear extension and extension to front of the property

Location/Lleoliad: 12, Murch Crescent, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Affecting the Dinas Powys Conservation Area

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01217/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 2012/01088/FUL to extend time for implementation - Detached two storey office building

Location/Lleoliad: 33, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01159/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed new signage, internal alterations and AC units

Location/Lleoliad: 27, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01223/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Planning and listed building consent for the removal of 4no dormers and construction of 3 dormers, fenestration alterations, construction of a double height porch, construction of a side porch, erection of conservation velux windows, erection of solar panels, erection of a bat mitigation house and internal alteration works

Location/Lleoliad: Caer Wigau Isaf, Pendoylan Road, Pendoylan
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01253/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Alterations to existing listed residence to include the

Location/Lleoliad: provision of a new first floor to the previous chapel, internal remodelling and the provision of roof lights to the existing slate roof. Replacement of modern cement based dashed render to previous chapel house with new naturally hydraulic lime based render
Adeilad Rhestredig: Bryn Sion Chapel House, Penylan Road, St. Brides Major

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00910/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Development of 12 dwellings and associated infrastructure at Land at The Rectory, Wenvoe
Location/Lleoliad: The Rectory, Port Road, Wenvoe

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01197/RG3
Proposal/Cynnyg: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 2017/00260/RG3 - Revision to design of dwelling at Plot 8

Location/Lleoliad: Land to the East of Holm View Leisure Centre, Skomer Road, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01203/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: The change of use of land as an extension to the existing wastewater treatment works site and the construction of an Advanced Anaerobic Digestion (AAD) Plant, together with associated landscaping and mitigation measures and the formation of temporary construction compounds
Location/Lleoliad: Cog Moors Wastewater Treatment Works, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/01203/FUL
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Location/Lleoliad: Cog Moors Wastewater Treatment Works, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 30 November, 2017

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

WI craft 'spectacular' at Margam Orangery



ON November 18, Margam Orangery at Margam Park Port Talbot provided the magnificent backdrop for a Craft Spectacular hosted by Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes.

This event is held every two years and provides members from all over the federation with an opportunity to display and offer a wonderful array of hand made craft items.

Visitors were able to start their Christmas shopping by browsing

through the 24 stalls selling stunning silk scarves, beautiful jewelry, delightful decorated boxes, unusual tree decorations and much, much more. Up-cycled items also featured this year with one of the federation's members showing what exciting things can be done to breathe new life into all sorts of unwanted and unloved objects!

Refreshments were provided in the dining room by the Orangery staff, and after an exhausting morning's shopping, ladies were able to relax and catch up with friends from other areas and institutes. A lovely way to start the festive season!

FOR the 11 walkers who joined Joy in the car park at Castell Coch, what should have been a walk up over Garth Hill with great views, turned into a rather soggy mess.

Heading along pavements down through Tongwynlais in light rain below the A470 led them to the bank of the River Taff, before a footbridge with its misty views back to the castle brought them to Gelynis farmhouse, crossing the railway line and up into a deserted Morgantown.

Following a pretty autumnal path beside the busy M4 to Pant Tawel Lane and a narrow pathway through woodland, a climb up through soaking wet fields meant a stop for morning break where the expected views were hidden by misty rain.

More fields brought them towards Pentrych, where a descent on a slippery path led into a valley with more boggy meadows before the gradual climb up onto Garth Hill and into heavier rainfall and wind.

Descending past sheep and sturdy Welsh Black cattle, they paddled across a stream into part of Coed y Gedrys where the rain stopped, allowed them a quick lunch break as the temperature fell.

Making their way out of the wood and dropping steeply through Gwaelod-y-garth to re-cross the River Taff, the railway line and the A470 into Taff's Well, they climbed up the other side of the valley through Coed Ty-Rhiw.

Joining part of the Taff Trail for the final push

Barrivale Bridge Club news

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club Championship team's Session 2 on November 22 are as follows:

The Championship team winners are: first, Dave Thomas and Peter Millar; Mike Close, Tim Barsby and Jenny Vaughan.

Second, Mick Green, Noelle Bond, Mike Best, Mark Roderick and Dennis Mottram.

Third, Alan Jones, Lyn Matthews, Kay Dyer and Irene Thomas.

New members are welcome and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425; 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. The beginners and improvers classes run on Friday mornings.

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GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (Y PORTH (RHAN) Y BONT-FAEN (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DROS DRO) 2017

1. Ar 30 Tachwedd 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 (fel y'i dywygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a'i effaith gyffredinol fydd gwned yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlen isod:

2. Gelwir y Gorchymyn yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Westgate (Rhan) Y Bont-faen) ((Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Dros Dro) 2017" a bydd yn dod i rym ar 4 Rhagfyr 2017 neu ar y dyddiad y caiff y arwyddion a marciau ffordd eu harddangos p'un bynnag sydd hwyraf.

ATODLEN

Gwahardd Aros Dros Dro ar unrhyw adeg

Westgate, y Bont-faen

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o bwynt 35m metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Eagle Lane am 6m i'r gogledd-orllewin.

Ar ochr de-orllewinol y ffordd o bwynt 15.5m i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd â The Butts am 12.5m i'r gogledd-orllewin.

Yn ogystal caiff y Gorchymyn Traffig Ffordd a elwir yn Orchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2013 ei atal yn rhannol fel a ganlyn:-

Westgate, y Bont-faen

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Rheswm Er budd diogelwch y cyhoedd wrth i waith dymchwel ac adelladu gael ei wneud ger Westgate, y Bont-faen.

Hyd O 07.00am ar 4 Rhagfyr 2017 am hyd at 18 mis.

Dyddiad 30 Tachwedd 2017

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfö, CF5 6AA.



THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS AND A SOGGY MESS

uphill through the beautiful Fforest Fawr, they were engulfed by more rain prior to the descent on leaf-strewn pathways back to the castle.

Robin and his spaniel Pepper enjoyed much better weather the following day on their excursion up to Goodrich in Herefordshire where they were also joined by 11 walkers.

Setting off to Keme Bridge, the sun soon broke through the clouds lighting up the neat ploughed meadows and the colourful trees lining the peaceful River Wye.

Skidding along some muddy pathways in Thomas Wood, morning break on the riverbank meant a surprise from John R who shared his delicious home baked orange and lemon cake.

Continuing through Courtfield Estate land while overlooking three paddle boarders making their way downstream, the group arrived at Welsh Bicknor with its YMCA and lovely restored St Margaret's Church.

Pretty autumnal views in Park Wood led them back out onto the wide riverbank for lunch in warm sunshine, when outer coats were disposed of for the rest of the day.

Several of the group witnessed a sudden flash of blue from a kingfisher as they continued along the

river gazing up at the look-out point high above them at Yat Rock, and reaching Rocklands Farm, a chance to pet a friendly Shetland pony and a Gloucester Old Spot boar with rather fierce looking tusks.

A short piece of road-walking led to their only climb of the day with the reward of stunning views to St Giles Church before the return to Goodrich for refreshments in the café for some, while others enjoyed a quick tour around the red sandstone castle ruins before the journey home.

On December 2, meet at 9am at Barry Dock Railway Station car park for an eight-mile moderate walk from Wick taking in a pebble beach (so bring a stick); contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On December 6, a train ramble with a 12-mile moderate/hard linear walk from Llanharan to Taff's Well, train leaves Barry at 0845 and Penarth at 0847 to catch the 0918 from Cardiff Central to Llanharan; contact William on 07528 701 952.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

'Tapathon' for Children In Need



ON November 19, the Anthea M King School of Dancing took part in the Tapathon 2017 for Children in Need, organised by the Performers Project.

£750 was raised by the dancing school and had 70 students and teachers all tapping at the same time, all synchronized with other tappers in different venues all over the country hoping to break the world record

while raising money for Children in Need.

It will be a few weeks before it is known if the world record has been broken but raising money for such a worthwhile cause, being together from ages four upwards, and doing what we all love and enjoying the friendship, chatter and laughter with food and drink afterwards made it all worthwhile.

ALICIA M KING

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (WESTGATE (PART) COWBRIDGE (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

1. On 30th November 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedule below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Westgate (Part) Cowbridge) ((Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Temporary) Order" 2017 and shall come into force on 4th December 2017 or on the date that the road signs and markings are in place whichever is the later.

SCHEDULE

Temporary Prohibition of waiting at any time Westgate, Cowbridge

On the north eastern side of the road from a point 35m northwest of its junction with Eagle Lane for a distance of 6m in a north westerly direction. On the south western side of the road from a point 15.5m northwest of its junction with The Butts for a distance of 12.5m in a north westerly direction.

In addition the Road Traffic Order known as the Vale of Glamorgan Council Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013 shall be suspended in part as follows:-

Westgate, Cowbridge

On the north eastern side of the road from a point 35m northwest of its junction with Eagle Lane for a distance of 6m in a north westerly direction.

Reason In the interests of public safety during demolition and new building works taking place adjacent to Westgate, Cowbridge.

Duration From 07.00am on 4th December 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Dated this 30th day of November 2017.

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



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PART 7 - SCAVENGERS AND THE INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES 1889-95

Local historian Laurie Owen continues his series, looking at the how Barry grew so rapidly between the years 1880 and 1905.

THOUSANDS of new workers arriving from 1884 to work on the docks and railway led to major problems of human waste disposal.

Prior to that time villagers had used existing cesspools, which could not possibly cope with this new influx of people. The docks' contractor TA Walker soon built a sewer system in East Barry for his workers and the Holton sewer, built by the Wenvoe Castle Estate, dealt with the early needs of that area.

However, with the Local Board not being established until July 1888 it would then be another three years before a proper drainage and sewerage system could be opened in Cadoxton.

In the meantime 'scavengers' were employed to tour the streets and back lanes three times a week with a horse and open cart, emptying human waste from 'soil pans' in closets and from cesspools.

While most residents were pleased that they no longer had to empty their own waste, there was some objection to the times of collection. It was reported that the scavenger cart was seen in Main Street at 9.30pm and people who were still out and about resented witnessing the sight and smells. Board members agreed that work should not start until 10.30pm at the earliest.

In December 1889, a scavenger was dumping sewage on fields at Weston Farm and with no designated disposal sites, brooks and fields were often the favoured spots for offloading their disgusting cargo. This could then lead to diseases like typhoid and cholera, but was also very unpleasant for residents to witness on a daily basis.

Scavenger William Osborne was forced to admit to the Health Committee that his men had emptied 'night soil' into the brook near the Old Court, below which Gladstone Road would later be constructed. While being given a caution, he complained that many back doors were fastened, preventing them from clearing the soil pans.

As a further illustration of the chaos which authorities were struggling to control, in January 1890 an unnamed scavenger emptied 100 gallons of liquid filth from a cesspool into a yard, which then ran down the road. That same month, an indignant ratepayer accused them of being objectionable at night with their 'abhorrent yells and disgusting epithets'. Often damaging property or leaving filthy trails of effluent, at times they might neglect their duty for two or three weeks. His hope was for some improvement, now that a new role of Special Sanitary Inspector was due to be filled.

Early on the Board ordered two tumbler carts for £48 and a 'water wagon' holding 225 gallons, costing £38.10s. The former were used to empty cesspools and the latter watered the streets to dampen down the dust, but could also be used to supply drinking water on special occasions.

In April 1890, in spite of his earlier transgressions, William Osborne was awarded the contract to scavenge the whole town three times a week for £44 a month.

Although scavenging was very unpleasant and the subject of constant criticism from residents and Board Members alike, there was no shortage of men eager to secure the work. In the summer of 1891 the Finance Committee decided to split the district into three and change to daily collections.

Seven tenders were received for Cadoxton and although 155 complaints had been received in just one month about scavengers Messrs Gray & Amos, their £18 a month quote was still accepted as it was the cheapest. Out of six tenders for Barry Dock, that of £20 by William Osborne was accepted and Charles Eyles' quote of £5 at East Barry was the cheapest of 11 submitted.

William Osborne was most likely a haulier and greengrocer at Vere Street, hopefully with several different carts. Samuel Amos was a haulier-employer living at 27 Forster Street and his wife Bertha was a lodging house keeper with 12 lodgers. Charles Eyles was a haulier-employer living at 27 Evans Street with his wife Sarah.

Continuous complaints led to a high turnover of men, but with no stipulated depots to dump the waste, it was bound to lead to what could apply be called 'fly-tipping'.

Other names of scavengers which some readers may recognise were: William Herne of Barry Road, William Irwin of Garden Cottage, William Jones of Treham Road, David and Thomas Paulett, Jenkin Brock of Rose Cottage, Cadoxton and Thomas Ruckley.

David Paulett would later become a coal merchant and furniture remover with offices at the Station Yard and Cadoxton Market Mews. Jenkin Brock came from a well-known Cadoxton family and was a gamekeeper before becoming a road contractor/employer.

With the opening of both sewage works by 1894, the unpleasant aspect of scavengers' work gradually decreased. Household refuse would still be collected, with duties including sweeping and scraping the streets, but even then they could still provoke complaints by leaving the scrapings piled outside houses. By now employed by the Council, in 1895 it was even being discussed that they should be given seven days' annual holiday.

With so many complaints being made by irate residents, an official was desperately needed to supervise the scavengers and deal with the reports of malpractice.

Joseph Charles Pardoe AMICE was appointed Surveyor to the first Local Board in July 1888 and initially agreed to combine this position with the role of Inspector of Nuisances. However, such was the rapid growth of the town, it soon became necessary to create two separate positions and in October 1889, JC Pardoe was reappointed Surveyor with a salary of £150pa.

'Nuisances' had mainly concerned human waste and scavenging, so when a drain burst in Fairford Street causing a fearful stench that was deemed a nuisance needing urgent action. Some people would urinate outside theatres while others would block lanes; and even the influential Dr O'Donnell was accused of turning newly-improved Robins Lane into a farmyard, with manure from his horses. This last seemingly innocent 'nuisance' would escalate to a full-blown slander case in court.

Early in 1890 on a salary of £100pa George Lightfoot, a 32 year old from Middlesborough, was appointed Inspector of Nuisances/Sanitary Inspector, with duties to now include boarding and inspecting vessels at the Docks.

In May he seized a cwt of meat from a local butcher which was unfit for human consumption and had to be cremated at the gasworks.

A story of attempted bribery appeared in October, when a grocer from out of town with a new shop in Vere Street sent George 10/- to encourage him to give special attention to his drains.

His first contact with William Osborne was to complain that his scavenging in East Barry and Cadoxton was not acceptable. Anywhere a health risk may be present would be on his schedule, including vessels, lodging houses, private homes with infections, bakers, fishmongers, dairies, cow sheds and all their utensils.

Just two months later at a meeting of the Health

Committee, Dr Neale MOH recommended buying an 'asphyxiator' for disinfecting purposes. The Inspector was despatched to Bristol to check out a possible deal, with only half his travel costs paid and even more bizarrely, he was to go in his Christmas holidays.

He later recommended a 'Grahtrix' drain tester, the best and cheapest at £6 and a 'Nelson' disinfectant for £40. Both were approved. After this indignity and subsequent good work, when George asked for extra horses for the scavengers, he was refused.

In May 1891, together with Dr Neale, George boarded a vessel on which three crew members had died of yellow fever just days earlier. After safely disinfecting the ship, he would surely have questioned his reasons for being in such employment for £2 per week and it may explain why he left the following month to be the Surveyor of Blaenavon Local Board.

Alfred Edgar Leyshon was unanimously elected Inspector of Nuisances on a salary of £105pa and the following month was appointed under the Food and Drugs Act and Diseased Animals Act. An assistant at Cardiff, he was chosen from a list of 20 applicants.

With the Cadoxton sewer system operational, he reported in September that there were 46 nuisances in Cadoxton out of 181 houses inspected. Gray & Amos had failed to empty soil pans, but Mr Ruckley was given a week.

Dr Neale felt it was important for the Inspector to have a uniform, which would identify him as someone of authority and not to be mistaken for a 'runner' or bailiff. The £9.12s cost for two uniforms was hotly debated by Oliver Jenkins, especially if he did not wear them.

At a Local Board meeting in December 1894, the Inspector gave a detailed report of the work involved in safeguarding the health of the community.

Highlights of the six year period included 3,002 notices issued on nuisances which included 213 on animals, 826 on foul accumulations and 1,097 on cesspools, drains and foul closets which needed cleansing. 6,875 houses were inspected with 448 needing disinfecting and hundreds of shops, lodging houses, workshops and the temporary slaughterhouse off Court Road. 3,640 vessels for the Port Authority had been inspected, with 237 being defective.

All of the above explained why the sanitary conditions and health of the public were so satisfactory.

Progress was being made and throughout 1895 he was able to report a clean bill of health for small businesses. However, some residents were still not complying with flushing of water closets and infected houses featured regularly as nuisances.

At a meeting of the South Wales and Monmouth Sanitary Inspectors in 1898, the president was pleased to say that Barry was now a wonderful town with first class sanitation thanks to its officials.

In May 1899 after eight years, AE Leyshon left Barry for the Forest of Dean and was greatly missed by all concerned.

A look at Wenvoe – MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO

A LOCAL historian, Brian Keitch of Penarth, recently discovered a number of fascinating old photographs of the area – taken by a relative more than 100 years ago!

Brian explained: "Over 100 years ago, my great grandfather, John Lewis, lived in the Penarth area and was a very keen photographer."

"A collection of the glass plates he took circa 1905 to 1910 have come down to us and provide a glimpse of what interested him all that time ago."

"The subject matter covers a number of locations in the Vale, in particular Barry, Penarth, Wenvoe and Llantwit Major."

This week's should interest Wenvoe residents, as it shows



Wenvoe Post Office.

The postmistress – it seems likely – is chatting (or giving instructions) to a local boy, whose pushbike is up against the wall.

At the time Wenvoe boasted an impressive country railway station on the Barry Railway 'main line' from

Trehafod to Barry.

The passenger numbers were not so impressive though, with rarely more than three trains a day stopping in each direction, plus a few week-end excursions during the summer months.

The last day of passenger services was

September 10, 1962, by which time there was only one stopping train in each direction – to Pontypridd at 7.45 am and to Barry at 9.16 am.

The station is still in situ. In its heyday there were refuge sidings, a goods depot and a branch to nearby Alps Quarry.



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Running club a 'chip off the old block'!



BRIDGEND'S Cwm Ogwr Running Club has received funding to purchase a chip timing system which is set to boost its race events and help the club to attract more athletes.

Local energy company Pennant Walters provided the £7,000 funding, which will now allow the club to put on more professional events while also offering the chip-timing facility to other clubs and local schools as a source of revenue.

The club, which was established by Kelly Owen in 2012, is affiliated to Welsh Athletics and currently hosts three events per year, with members also training twice a week. It has seen membership grow from 15 members when it first started to over 200 last year.

Kelly explained: "We have been thrilled with the response to the club and this money from Pennant Walters will give us the power to push our events to the next level."

"We currently have three events per year, during February, May and November, and now that we have this chip timing system it will ensure that everyone participating will have the most accurate results of their race,

allowing them to then work to their personal best.

"We are delighted and, thanks to Pennant Walters, we are looking forward to see how the club continues to grow."

The Cwm Ogwr Running Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm at the Omore Valley Life Centre where athletes run various routes around the valley as well undertaking speed work.

Local energy company, Pennant Walters, provided the £7,000 from a fund linked to the construction of the new, but standalone, Pant y Wal Wind Extension Farm, which is adjacent to Ogwr Valley.

Pennant Walters' managing director, Dale Hart, said: "Our wind energy project community funds exists to make a difference to the local communities in which we work. Cwm Ogwr Running Club has come a long way since it started just a few years ago and we are delighted to be able to provide this funding which will help grow the club further, as well as hopefully enabling it to raise a source of income through renting the system."

"We wish everyone involved in the running club the very best for the future and look forward to seeing the events grow bigger each year."

Bridgend Sports RFC mini and junior round-up

IT was a home derby against the Waterwheelers for Bridgend Sports under-12s this week.

The game was played at Brackla. It was clear from the kick off that the local rivalry had helped stir the pride in both sides as they both competed well in all aspects of the game.

While both sides enjoyed an ambition and a will to run the ball, it was the Sports who dominated the territory and possession in the first half.

This was partly due to some outstanding work from centre Callum Lewis and flanker Harri Williams – both players were quick to tackle and isolate any key opponent who wished to attack.

Their work stopped the attacks. They were also quick on their feet to steal the ball. Their work was also backed by a strong team ethic which ensured support was always on hand to restrict any attempts Tondy made to gain ground.

Despite securing the lion's share of possession and territory, Bridgend Sports were frustrated by a combination of some tenacious tackling and a few passes failing at key times. In the cold conditions, it was a more direct route that eventually led to the first try that broke the deadlock.

The Sports took a 5-0 lead when scrum half Will Ellis sniped around a ruck to score the classic scrum half try after a

period of sustained pressure that saw forwards Chloe Gant, Mason Balmer, Thomas Coles and Megan Lewis and centre Dylan Morgan all involved.

It was a lead the home team were to hold until right on the cusp of half-time when Tondy managed to create a break down the tram line between the five metre line and touchline which eventually saw them equalise, despite a great effort from Sports wing Joel Rogers, who chased down the attack to make a tackle on the line.

The half ended as it started with the game all square.

Buoyed by their try at the end of the first half, Tondy started the second period in confident mood. They secured possession and territory for the first 10 minutes.

The Sports absorbed the initial pressure with Iestyn John at the forefront of the defensive effort to halt any attack. Tondy looked to have created an overlap with a great opportunity to score from 35 metres out but a great covering tackle from Mackenzie Dent, followed by a Megan Lewis steal, saved the day for the Sports.

The tackle proved to be a turning point in the half. Tom Chick and Abi Davies Jones were put in space by outside half Cian John. Both players did well to take play into the Tondy half on two separate occasions.

The pressure eventually provided the

Sports with a penalty, which they opted to kick to gain ground. A pre-worked move from the lineout saw Megan Lewis charge and break through the Tondy pack.

With the line in sight and her determination, she drove over to score the try and secure a hard-fought victory in a great derby. Ieuan Pilliner added the conversion.

Both sides deserved huge credit for their part in an entertaining local derby.

Squad: Abi Davies Jones; Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins; Callum Jones; Callum Lewis; Chloe Gant; Cian John Dylan Morgan; Dylan Parry; Efan Dyer; Harri Williams; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Joel Rogers; Mackenzie Dent; Mason Balmer; Megan Lewis; Morgan Edwards; Theo Clarke; Thomas Chick; Thomas Coles; Tyler Burton and Will Ellis.

Ten teams took to the rugby fields for the mini and juniors to represent Bridgend Sports RFC this week, as the club continues to build and support the development on players and the game. The mini teams made the short trip to Tondy for the sporting derby in the true traditions of the game.

The under-7s enjoyed a round-robin festival with games against Tondy, Pencoe and Bridgend Athletic to follow the derby theme.

There was plenty of running rugby over the three games in a great advert for mini rugby. Aled Rees ran in seven impressive tries, he was also just as hot in defence with nine tags.

Ellis Kendall, Matthew Griffiths, Ollie Balmer (5) and Tyler Pascoe (3) scored and claimed their share of the tags ably supported by Oscar Gee and Seb Stowe.

All games were separated by a single try. The Sports outscored Tondy 2-3, Pencoe edged the next 8-7 and Bridgend Athletic the last 9-8. Ellis Luke was Sports' star player of the week.

The under-8s were defeated 11-4 and 9-5 by Tondy but still enjoyed the day. Sports' try scorers were Rhodri Owen, Max Hearing, Evelyn Murray and Zack Hughes. Their star player was Rhodri Owen.

It was a good day for the under-9s against a strong Tondy side. Every player played with commitment and showed some great skill with the off loads and solid tackling in defence.

The Sports emerged victorious, 14-9. Paul Cain was awarded the team award for his never say die attitude and great effort.

From wins and losses to a draw next as the under-10s were evenly matched by Tondy.

Tondy started the stronger, scoring three quick tries. The Sports woke up and showed some great character as they threw themselves into attack to dominate the rucks.

Once the ball was secured, they played as a team with some lovely offloading skills on display. It was six tries each in the end to the delight of both sides. Jacob Macleod was Sports player of the week.

The under-11s enjoyed a 28-42 victory. They put in a great performance for the first 30 minutes as they kept their shape in defence and attack.

Their defensive work forced Tondy into making errors. They also mastered the ruck to win quick ball so loved by the backs.

With the game close at 7-14 at half-time they stepped up the pace in a second half to extend



The under-16s faced Porthcawl.

their lead to 7-42. Tondy fought back in the final five minutes to score three quick tries.

The under-12s fought out a tense derby playing at Brackla. They outscored Tondy two tries to one with Will Ellis claiming the first try through some sharp sniping around the ruck.

Megan Lewis added the second, showing great determination. Ieuan Pilliner added the conversion to make the final score 12-5.

The under-13s hosted Caerphilly. They got off to a good start as Sam Barraclough and Sean Petty scored tries, the latter also being on fine form with the boot.

Charlie Patterson added the next try when he backed himself from the halfway line. Caerphilly scored two tries in response and the first half ended 27-10.

The Sports extended their lead in the second with further tries scored by Danny Wilson and Sam Barraclough. Sean Petty added the conversions to make the final score 62-10. It proved to be an excellent game with key performances from Max Hemsley and Keiron Saunders in defence.

The under-14s put in a great effort in their 36-7



The under-9s in action against Tondy.

win over Maesteg Celtic at home.

They scored six tries in a real team performance as players showed skill and speed.

Tries were scored by Khadir Mader, Charlie Tomalin Reeves and Archie Faulkner Lerway. Morgan Rees and Josh Wilkinson added the conversions.

The Sports' man of the match was awarded to Khadir Mader for his excellent tackling, all round play and four tries.

The under-15s returned to winning ways against Gorseion, a side with a rich tradition and notable international honours that include

Onllwyn Brace, Norman Gale and more recently Leigh Halfpenny, Dan Biggar and Ross Moriarty.

The Sports scored early with three tries as the backs and forwards combined well. Gorseion hit back, scoring two tries to take it close at half-time.

The Sports started the second half the same way they started the first by playing some lovely open rugby and scoring well-worked team tries.

Gorseion kept coming back at the Sports by getting points on the board themselves but in the end, the sports were too strong and

finished comfortably winners with the final score Bridgend Sports 43, Gorseion 31.

Bridgend Sports' try scorers were Dafydd Williams (3), Kurtis Lewis (2), Rhys Walters and Jamie Pearce; Kurtis Lewis was the well-deserved man of the match.

Finally, the under-16s crowned off a great morning to maintain their position in second place in the Ospreys Cup table as they beat Porthcawl 20-5. Sports try scorers were Deacon Coles (2), Jordan Davies and Fin Duffell.

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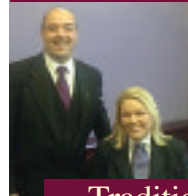
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RICCI
Patricia Grace
(Formerly of Llantwit Major)

Passed away peacefully at Llys Gwyn Care Home, aged 87 years.
Funeral service on Thursday, 7th December, in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 11am, afterwards to Boverton Cemetery. At Patricia's request immediate family flowers only please.

THOMAS
Lawrence

The Thomas family announces with great sadness the loss of Lawrence, aged 82. Beloved husband of Gloria, adored father of Lawrence and Caroline, precious baba to Amber, Daisy, Anton and Elinor. Loving brother of Wendy and affectionate father-in-law to Regine.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral service and interment to be held at St Hilary Parish Church on Tuesday, 5th December at 11am. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to The Stroke Association.

EDWARDS
Frances Elizabeth (Frankie)
(Née Boyns)

Peacefully on November 21st, Frankie of Ystradowen, aged 39 years. Dearly loved wife of Grant, wonderful mother of Isabelle and Jessica and loving daughter of Rosemary and Trevor.
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Funeral Tuesday, December 5th, service at Welsh St Donats Church at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon.
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MURPHY
Anne Mary

Peacefully at the St. Barruc's Ward at the Barry Hospital, Barry on November 23rd, Anne of Teifi Drive, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of John, loving step-mother of Paul, Christopher and Kathryn. Adored nanna of Beth and Ben.
She will be sadly missed by her loving family and friends.
Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service in the Chapel on Tuesday, December 12th at 2pm, followed by cremation at The Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to the St. Barruc's ward at the Barry Hospital, CF62 8YH.

McTAVISH
John Keith

Peacefully on 24th November at Llandough Hospital with his family at his side, John, well known for his many years of service as a police officer at Barry Police Station and within his role as a referee and the secretary of the Barry Football League. Much loved husband to Christine, devoted dad to Julian, Richard and Helen, loving granddad to all his grandchildren.
He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.
Resting at the Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his funeral service at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, 7th December at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired can be made at the service to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in memory of John.

COLE
Christopher Michael
'Worzel'

Tragically on 16th November, Christopher, aged 13 of St Athan. Beautiful son of Cherrey and Shane, loving brother to Owien and Gypsy, dearly loved grandson of Sarah and Ronnie.
He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.
Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare until the service in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major (where all are welcome) on Friday, 8th December at 1.30pm, followed by a private cremation service. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, for Child Bereavement UK will be collected at the church service. *Casual clothing only please.*

LEES
Peter William

On 20 November at the Marie Curie Hospice, Holme Towers, Peter passed away, after a short illness, aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Carol, loving father to his two sons Victor, the late Carl and daughter-in-law Lucy. Proud and adoring granddad of Isobel.
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Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare until the service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 7th December at 1.30pm and afterwards at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

CARD
Debra

Sadly at home on 15th November 2017, Debra, aged 56 years. Beloved mum of Lee, much loved daughter of Tony and the late Mo, adored nan of Jake.
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DIXON
Theodosi William (Theo)

Suddenly on 20th November at the University Hospital of Wales, Theo passed away. Much loved husband to Amanda, loving dad to Mario, Jo, Alex, Adonia and Loucas. Adored papou to Hazel, Athena and Amar'e.
He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.
Resting at the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at All Saints Church, Barry on Thursday, 7th December at 9.45am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made at the service to support Dementia UK and British Heart Foundation in memory of Theo.

WEEKLEY
Irene (Née Marsh)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 21st November 2017, Irene, aged 93 years. Beloved wife of the late Ivor, much loved mum of Sian and Gary, loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother, dearly loved sister of the late Jack, Betty, Jimmy and Glenys.
Irene will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
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MARTIN
Douglas William

Peacefully on November 23rd at home, Douglas of Barry (formerly of Penarth). Dearly loved by Stuart, Rebecca and Ann and a much loved grampy.
Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.
Funeral Friday, 8th December, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2pm.
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WENDON
Jonathan Luke

Passed away on the 24th November 2017. Much loved son of the late Luke and Jean, father to Angharad and Ewan, partner to Meryl and brother to Julia.
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Ruth

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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. The funeral will take place at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 11th December at 10.30am.
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PARFITT
Colin Hardy

Sadly passed away at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on the 18th November, aged 85, sadly missed by his companion Doreen.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral service will take place at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium at 12 noon on Friday, 8th December. Family flowers only please, but donations, if so desired, may go to Dementia UK c/o the Funeral Director.

HAMPTON
Jeffrey

Jeff passed away peacefully on Sunday, 19th November, aged 89 years. He will be greatly missed by his sons Mark and Simon, daughter Jayne and grandchildren Richard, James, Adrian, Alec and Natalie.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral services to be held at the Church of St Curig's, Porthkerry on Friday, 1st December at 12.45pm, followed by Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Barry at 2pm. Family flowers only.

Acknowledgements

HEMLOCK
Richard 'Richie'

Mary and family wish to thank all who attended Richie's funeral service on 17th November for their support and sympathy, the many cards, flowers and the very generous donations made in support of the Renal Unit UHW in Richie's memory.
Thank you to all staff at the Renal unit ward B5 UHW for the kind care given to Richie in what became his last few weeks. Thanks to Canon Pat O'Gorman for the beautiful service at St Helen's Church. Love and thanks to Mr Alun Phelps for his lovely reading. Also, thanks to Anthony and staff at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry.

DAVIES
Charmaine

Julia, Geraint, Ryan and Amy would like to thank family and friends who attended Charmaine's funeral and for their kind support, cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement.
Thanks also to the wonderful staff at Pen-y-Bont Care Home and Canon Edwin Counsell for his kind words of comfort. Many thanks also for the kind donations to Tŷ Hafan.
All is much appreciated.

Acknowledgements

RICHARDS
Thelma

Diane would like to thank family and friends for their support and attendance at Thelma's funeral. Kind donations totalled £235.86.
Special thanks to Father Kevin Lake for officiating and Arthur and Mary at A.G. Adams for their professional and personal service.

ASHTON
John Richard

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on the 12th November, John passed away, after a short illness, aged 87 years. In accordance with his wishes, John was cremated privately on 29th November.
Thanks to Jenny at W.A. Brown Funeralcare for her help with the arrangements. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped John when he fell ill, the staff at Fico Supermarket, Dr Cheeseman and the nursing staff from Eryl Surgery, the South Wales Ambulance Service, the Resus Team and ITU at the Princess of Wales, particularly the lady who called the ambulance and stayed with John and the gentlemen who initially performed CPR. Finally, thanks to everyone who offered support and help at the time and since, it is very much appreciated. Donations, if desired, to the RAF Benevolent Fund or the RNLI c/o W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SG (cheques only).

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A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen free of charge at the Decks Office, Barry Decks, Barry CP8-4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Order map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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Looking back to 1989 with Brian Lee

NEWSPAPER and magazine cuttings from my many scrapbooks of press cuttings reveal how the Vale's Evan Williams has become a leading National Hunt trainer.

Having had the pleasure and honour of reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for more than half-a-century they go back not only to the time of Evan riding his first point-to-point winner but to the time his late father Rhys and mother Mary were riding winners between-the-flags.

The first time Evan was probably mentioned in the press was when, under the heading 'A First For Evan', I revealed in the Wales On Sunday, dated March 26, 1989, that: "Evan Williams of Llanfarcarn notched up his first winner in only his second ride in the first division of the restricted open at the Llangibby Hunt point-to-point steeplechases on his father's 10-year-old Cuckoo Mill."

Since then I have reported upon and written many, many race reports and articles about Evan's many successes as a rider and a trainer and now I am filing reports on the success of his amateur rider daughter Isabel.

Another Cowbridge rider who was making the news in 1989 was the then 42-year-old John Llewellyn, who, at the Brecon Hunt Steeplechases, chalked-up his 200th winner on Keith Huntley's Remember Dewy and it was at this meeting that Llewellyn rode his first four-timer.

There were 10 races on the card - I doubt if we will ever see a 10 race card ever again - and Rudy's

Tim Jones took the first two of them when winning the members' race on Lynwood Lad and the adjacent on Ratochhu.

Division two of the adjacent was won by Andrew James aboard Dashedlong. The men's open division one was won by Llewellyn on Solid Oak and division two of the race went to St Athan's John Thomas, who won on 14-1 chance Castle Shepherd Lad.

The odds-on favourite Gold Tycoon won the ladies' open race and the first division of the restricted went to the Vale's Kevin Cousins.

John Llewellyn took the second division on Goose Green and division three was won by Bowling Chance. There were two divisions of the maiden and Llewellyn took the first on Remember Dewy which gave him his 200th success and he ended the day by winning the second division on 6-1 chance L C Monro.

Another rider making headlines in 1989 was the Vale's Jonathan Tudor, who, after winning a hunter chase at Ludlow on St Helen's Boy on the Friday, was back in the winner's enclosure at the Monmouthshire Point-To-Point on the Saturday after landing an impressive win on Gwyn Davies' Jimsleeves.

I wrote: "In the winner's enclosure after the race, Mr Davies praised Jonathan for giving his mare a super ride. The former Cowbridge rugby player is making quite a name for himself and is enjoying his best season since he notched-up his first winner six years ago."

Welsh champion Tim Jones and

Abergavenny farrier Andrew James both landed doubles but the best performance of the day came in the members' race when 32-year-old Robert Harris, of Hereford, managed to get back in the saddle and win the race after his mount Creeping Jane had made a dreadful blunder when leading at the third last fence.

The large crowd had 38 bookmakers in attendance to choose from and racecards were soon sold out.

Due to the large entry, both men's open and the maiden were divided on the field and with nine races to be decided racegoers didn't leave the course until 6.45pm. Thirty-eight bookmakers. We are lucky if we get eight bookies at a Welsh point-to-point these days.

There was a 10 race card at the 50th anniversary Curre Hunt Steeplechases at Howick near Chepstow and Tim Jones celebrated by riding his 50th winner with a double on Sweet Patrick (members' race) and Sweet Rascal (men's open division 2).

To celebrate their 50th anniversary the hunt staged an old fashioned point-to-point over natural countryside and this was won by Alison Wigley on the 5-2 favourite The Gambler.

Unfortunately for Llewellyn he came away from the meeting with a black eye after a loose horse collided with his mount Mr Moneybags in the adjacent hunts' race won by Joe Price on Wonder Willett.

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YMCA Barry lords of the rings set the bar high

YMCA Barry has had even more success in the male gymnastics section at national level, with three gymnasts representing Wales during November.

With determination and hard work nine-year-old Charlie Watkins, competed in the Welsh Regional Round of Elite Grade One.

This is the first elite grade in men's artistic gymnastics which is designed to start young gymnasts on the development path towards elite senior gymnastics as they get older.

Due to Charlie's performance in the competition, he qualified to represent Wales at the Men's Artistic British Elite Grade Final.

Charlie and the rest of the Elite Grade One Welsh Team travelled to compete in Birmingham against the best nine year olds in the country.

Under pressure, representing his country for the first time, Charlie executed his routines demonstrating what a mature and skilled gymnast he is.

In particular, Charlie gained two top-10 placings on high bar and vault which is an achievement in such a



ABOVE: Josh Cook and Iwan Mephram.

RIGHT: Charlie Watkins.

competitive field.

To everybody's delight, Charlie and Iwan scored excellently throughout the competition and in the team event, Wales claimed the silver medal. A big well done to Charlie and the rest of the Welsh team.

YMCA Barry has also got two senior male gymnasts on the long list for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Iwan Mephram and Josh Cook.

Throughout the year, Iwan and Josh have both undergone many trials to see if they can gain the necessary scores to be taken as part of Team Wales to the Commonwealth Games which take place next year in Australia.

Their last trial took place last weekend in Scotland for the Home Nations Championships. Both Iwan and Josh showed the selectors that they deserve a place in

the team.

Individually, Josh received fourth on pommel horse, second on rings, fourth on vault, fourth on parallel bars, second on high bar and became the floor champion.

As Josh is an all-around gymnast who competes on all six pieces of apparatus, his scores were combined and he took second in the all-around event.

At just 17 years old, Josh is making a big impression on the senior stage.

Iwan also impressed with claiming second on rings, and became champion on parallel bars and high bar.

A very impressive set of results, where a YMCA Barry gymnast won three out of the six apparatus finals.

Iwan, Josh and the rest of the Welsh team also became the team champions.

An excellent couple of



weeks for men's artistic in YMCA Barry.

Josh and Iwan have done all they can leading up to the Commonwealth Games selection where everyone will now wait nervously to see which gymnasts will be travelling to Australia next year.

YMCA Barry offers gymnastics classes to all ages and abilities, from toddlers to elite level gymnastics for males and females.

In the new year, YMCA Barry will expand its timetable to increase classes for preschool, recreational, 'cheerleading', teen and adult gymnastics as well as adult fitness classes.

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Vale of Glamorgan Pool League news

THE much-anticipated top of the table clash between the Vale Aspru Barbers league leaders Billy United against second place Castle Dark Lords certainly lived up to it's top billing.

The Billy side started all guns blazing racing into a 4-0 lead with wins from the Roberts brothers Gary and Ian, John Farrugia and Mark Ingram.

The Dark Lords would fight back and win the first session of doubles through Gareth Foxall and Sean Kelly followed by Wayne Hobson and Matthew Tobin.

The Castle's Tobin would then win his next singles match, beating one of the leagues most accomplished players, Gary Roberts.

John Farrugia would then do the double over Gavin Rowlands to make the score 5-3 to the Billy. Back came the Dark Lords with Brian Harris and Wayne Hobson both winning 5-5.

The last set of doubles would see Ashton and Ingram make it 6-5 to the Billy, then came a touch of magic from Matthew Tobin who would break off and clear up all in one visit to leave a sudden death black ball shoot out, with Gary Roberts holding his nerve to nail his black for a much-deserved bonus point win for the Billy.

Overall a great game and a good advert for the league.

Over at the Witchill the Wildcats would take advantage of the top two playing each other and fielded their strongest team this season with Barry's number one

pool player Chris Bardsley leading the destruction of the Ship.

The Wildcats would take no chances and played the same line-up in both sessions of singles with Ian Hill, Ceri Morris and James Hill joining Bardsley in a format that would see them win seven out of the eight frames they played, with only Mike Egan getting the better of James Hill.

This was an outstanding performance by the Witchill and they thoroughly deserved their 11-1 victory, with support from Lawrence Klee, Paul Everest and Sian Kedward, that now sees them leap from the dark lords into second place, just behind Billy United with a game in hand - the league could not be any tighter at the top.

Over at Millwood Bowls Club the Pot Jacks would entertain the young blood of the Baruc Arms - but their flamboyant potting style was just too much for the old heads of Millwood Pot Jacks, falling behind 1-3, a lead that was just too far for them to catch.

Man of the match Nick Parry would win all four of his matches in style for the Pot Jacks, to finally lose 7-5 in some close-run frames in a fun-filled evening of pool.

The Baruc Arms' star player was Gavin Stevens, also winning four out of four, with teammates Calum Petty, Kevin Turnbull and Nick Meadows also shining.

The Libs Rejects had a hard fought 7-5 victory over the Glenbrook Wanderers; the Libs stormed into a 6-1 lead before the Glenbrook fought back with singles victories from Nick Taylor,

Jeff Bartle and Rhodri Thomas, before Tom Ivins and Mike Roberts ensured victory for the Libs.

Man of the match Tom Ivins stole the show with his performance, with a 100 per cent record winning all four of his matches.

The King William IV pub in Cadoxton would host O'Briens in a close-fought match that saw all frames being keenly contested.

At the halfway point the scores were level at 3-3 with Jeff Morgan and Martyn Croke impressing for O'Briens.

The second session of singles would see the king William dominate and win three out of the four frames with Neil Tipples impressing in his controlled and well-thought-out winning frame.

The standout performance came from the experienced Les Hunt in winning three out of four frames to give the Cadoxton team a deserved 7-5 win.

The draw for the League Cup will be held in the next couple of weeks and the Baruc Arms are looking for two new players to join their side - please text Joe on 07870 498738 or phone Anthony on 07568 444180.

The league would like to thank their sponsors Aspru Barbers Park Crescent, Eze Drive Driving School and R&M Mobile Valeting.

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Two defeats for Barry chess teams shows consistency

ANOTHER week, another two games for the Barry Chess Club and another two losses - we are nothing if not consistent.

In Division 1 the Bosons travelled to Cardiff to take on the Castles. The Castles seem to win the title every year although it seems likely that they may finish second this season.

They put out their strongest team with four players rated over 2000. Although we were

outrated on every board, wins from Steve Cunliffe and Ken Hannah ensured it would be a close match.

We may have lost 3-2 but we seem to be avoiding the relegation fight. We have 17 points so far and are 5.5 points above the team in eighth place but the bottom three teams all have a game in hand.

In Division 2 it was the Camelots turn to play. They were at home to the Nelson Rhinos.

The game ended in a 3-2 defeat for the

Camelots who now drop back into the relegation spots. The Camelots' points came from a win by John Ryles and draws from Chris Green and Tom Cooke.

The Camelots are only half a point behind their nearest rivals the Cardiff Crowns win one game to play before we reach the halfway stage in the season.

The round nine match for the Camelots could be decisive in their relegation fight as we play the Crowns at home.

However as this

match is not scheduled until early December there is plenty of time to practice.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

A weather-decimated league schedule saw only a handful of games played.

SP Billy failed to close the gap on leaders Sully Sports as Cogan Coronation won 2-0 over SP. The result puts Cogan fourth after Tynewydd lost 2-1 to Cadoxton Athletic. Down the bottom of Division One Penarth Town B edged out Cadoxton Imps 3-2.

In Division Two, St Athan B picked up their second win of the season to defeat Vale Madrid 3-1. Llantwit Major leap frog Vale Madrid into second place as they continued their

perfect record with a 5-0 hammering of BV.

In SWFA Cup action, the Vale's interest in the cup is now over as all three remaining Vale clubs crashed out. Island Marine lost out 6-2 to AFC Whitchurch, Cardiff Airport were thrashed 5-0 by Cwm Welfare, while Vale United narrowly lost out to Penrhwiweiber Cons 2-1.

A full league program returns this week with game of the day undoubtedly in the Premier Division as FC Barry Belgrade host league leaders Barry Athletic.

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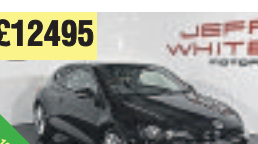
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Ruby Lee impresses as Rising Sun students battle it out



THIRTEEN members of the Rising Sun Kyokushinkai Karate Club travelled up to Slough Leisure Centre to take part in this year's British Karate Championships.

The day started off with Harry Tilby placing third in the mens event, beating three opponents over six rounds of contact fighting.

Next up was the Barry team of six junior fighters, only just missing out on the win against Mountain Ash as the two Welsh teams went head to head with a 3-2 win for Mountain Ash.

In the next event, selected to fight for Wales, Ruby-Lee Bennett won both of her fights against the Ireland team and also England, gaining her a first place gold medal for the Welsh team and her first international championship first prize.

Ruby-Lee also fought tremendously well in the individual age 9-10 mixed boys and girls category, only just missing the finals by one judge's decision against her Welsh teammate.

The junior boy from Cwmbran she fought in a previous Welsh Championships not long ago, just took the win after an epic quarter final battle, but Ruby-Lee, gaining two awards, was pleased with her performance, and said: "I'm happy with the outcome and pleased with the results from the day; after six fights I achieved what I wanted, so am proud to have a gold medal and trophy."

Morgan Evans took out three opponents with class skills and scored 'Ippon' with a head kick against her third English opponent and made it to the semi-finals, only just missing out on the final place by one point, and a well-deserved third place was gained.

Lloyd Jones also made it to the semi-finals only to get fouled by his opponent with an excessive contact blow to the body that got the

opponent disqualified and Lloyd was unable to continue.

Lloyd also took a bronze medal home for his courage and braveness. After getting injured, he wanted to carry on, although the doctors advised him to pull out and he took their professional advice.

Will Bennett, attempting his second national competition, also gained bronze by beating three opponents consecutively, only to just be beaten to the mark in the semi-finals by a strong English opponent who scored just a few more points.

Will held his own and stayed standing throughout the bout and was pleased with his result after his first British challenge and semi-final placing.

Fighting exceptionally well, Oscar Bennett got to the second round only to just get beaten by a well-rounded London based fighter.

Oscar is the current under-10s Welsh champion and commented that he will be back next year, and has the 2018 British Championships in his sights.

Other fighters – Kiron Kerr, Jake Tressider, Katia Hewitson, Jamie Jones, Wilson Wong And Rhys Westall – all fought considerably well only just missing out on the win at the event.

The Rising Sun Club would like to thank the coaches, Ian Nicholas, David Jenkins and Lewis Giles for the preparation towards the event.

Lee And Spencer Bennett, the club instructors, would also like to thank the parents for their support and club sponsors Wheelie Smart, Cardiff Auto Spray, Barry PC 'n' Mobiles, Bennetts Removals, Slabi Clothing, and The Baruc Arms.

If anybody is interested in training with the club, come along for a first free lesson, juniors 6.30pm-7.30pm and seniors 8pm-9pm at the Barry Island Community Centre or call Lee on 07811110368.



Ruby Lee and Oscar Bennett.

Nick makes comeback ride

FORMER Welsh champion point-to-point rider Ogmores-by-Sea's Nick Williams (32), who hung up his race riding boots at the end of the 2014/15 season, failed in his first comeback ride at the Bishops Court Racing Club's Point-To-Point at Ottery St Mary last Sunday.

Riding the well-fancied favourite *Champion*, he failed to complete the restricted race which was won by David Brace's *Doc Cody*. Brace, who also won the conditions race with his *Colorado Doc*, told the press: "*Doc Cody*'s dam, *Brydferth Ddu*, which means 'Black Beauty', won a maiden race for us and has also bred our winning pointer *Bob The Butcher*."

Both winners were

ridden by Bradley Gibbs.

There was another success from a horse trained in the Pyle area, where Mr Brace has his Dunraven Stud farm, when Sherree Lean's *Moree* won the intermediate race under Will Biddick.

A former inmate of Tim Vaughan's Aberthaw yard, this little horse (he's only 15.2 hh) is, according to his owner, "a little dynamite".

Could readers help me to fill in the vacant years? I have a list of the Welsh champion point-to-point riders, male and female, who have won the Dillwyn and Barbara Thomas awards from 1987 to 2016, but I need to know who were the recipients before then, as Dillwyn and Barbara first put up their trophies in 1971.

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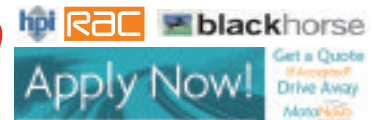
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Bridgend Athletic Youth in cracker of a game against Pontardulais



Sam Palmer.

WHEN an irresistible force meets an immovable object, something must give.

Defending Welsh Regions and Ospreys OA league champions Bridgend Athletic youth met last season's Welsh Youth Cup finalists and Ospreys OA runners-up Pontardulais youth in a prelude to the Wales-All Blacks game.

Both sides have carried on where they left off last season and were unbeaten in the league and through to the third round of this season's Welsh Youth Cup going into the fixture.

It was the Athletic who prevailed outscoring the visitors by five tries to two in a 33-18 victory, making it a perfect five bonus points wins in the league this season to head the table.

In fact, the game mirrored an exact replica of points scored regarding tries, conversions and penalties as the later Wales - All Blacks game, unfortunately, with Wales duplicating Pontardulais.

Despite some over officious refereeing decisions resulting in some baffling penalties for both sides and two yellow cards for each team - one a double, seeing red, both sides contrived to entertain a sizeable Newbridge Fields crowd. It was a game played hard but with good spirit which deserved to have been allowed to flow more freely.

With wind advantage, Pontardulais, aided by three consecutive penalties for offside, forced a line out five metres from the Athletic line.

When a drive was halted, Pontardulais opened play along their back division. A crunching tackle just short of the line saw

centre Joe Patterson emerge with the ball.

He offloaded to wing Sam Palmer on the Athletic 22 for Palmer to outstrip the covering defence for the opening try of the game. Outside half Matthew Hobby converted.

Pontardulais responded with a retaken penalty by outside half Brandon Wood, when the Athletic were judged to have moved during the failed first attempt.

The Athletic were slow to react to a kick into their 22 and were penalised for holding on in a ruck. Pontardulais kicked to touch and this time their catch and drive was successful, resulting in a corner try for captain and prop Morgan Griffiths and an 8-7 lead.

Back came the Athletic. They went left towards the touchline before flanker Tom Davies threw an inside pass to scrum half Woolerton. Woolerton made an initial break before releasing the back line. Textbook handling with each player drawing his man saw the ball move via Hobby and man of the match Dan O'Sullivan and Patterson to wing Nathan Willis, who created an overlap for full back Levi Hallett to cross in the corner. Hobby kicked a magnificent touchline conversion against the wind.

Yet another penalty decision saw Wood cut the Athletic half-time lead to 14-11.

At half time, the Athletic made changes. Lock Rhys Durlucia replaced Owain Leshon while they reshuffled the front row with tight head prop Tom Zielinski moving to hooker in place of Jack Obbard and Morgan Clemett coming on in the tighthead position.

When Athletic lock Jac Bassett won turnover ball on half way, the ball



Caine Woolerton dives over the try line.
ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON.



Levi Hallett was also on the scoresheet.

was quickly moved wide for centre O'Sullivan to draw his opponent and put prolific try-scoring wing Palmer clear to sprint over from 40 metres out for his second try of the game. Hobby converted to stretch the lead to 21-11.

Pontardulais also showed they possessed creative backs. Their centre broke from halfway. The Athletic were penalised in front of their posts and a quick tap penalty saw Wood cross and convert his own try to cut his side's deficit to 21-18.

The game became more open, which suited the Athletic and as the heavier Pontardulais forwards tired they started to gain the upper hand in the scrums with strong scrummaging from the front row

Callum Swinford, Tom Zielinski and Morgan Clemett.

The back row of Joe Grabham, Will Barraclough and Tom Davies started to combine and make inroads into the away defence.

Replacement wing Cameron Lewis came on and made a positive impact preventing a Pontardulais try. A steal from a ruck by Athletic captain Grabham saw an offload to scrum half Woolerton who showed strength and determination to break tackles and cross in the corner.

Woolerton then recorded a try brace when from a ruck, he cleverly chipped over the defence to win the race to ground the ball. Hobby's conversion completed

the scoring and another bonus point 33-18 win for the Athletic.

The game lived up to its pre-match hype and was a credit to both sides in difficult, windy conditions. Athletic head coach Lee Graham was well-pleased with his team's performance, while hard-to-please coach Kevin Gamble was also seen to smile when the final whistle blew.

Next up for the Athletic youth is a third round Welsh Youth Cup tie on December 9 against another unbeaten north Wales side, Nant Conwy, who are sweeping all before them with seven bonus points wins in their seven fixtures in the North-West Youth League.

AB

Golf club recognised with multiple awards



ABOVE: Picking up the the Bonallack Award at the 2017 Golf Foundation Presidents' Awards, and BELOW: The Pyle and Kenfig team.



PYLE and Kenfig have been recognised with the Golf Union of Wales' 'golf club of the year' award as they prepare to welcome some of the world's best senior players again this summer.

The course will be a pre-qualifier for the Seniors British Open at Royal Porthcawl this summer, having earned plaudits from competitors in 2014; however, there is much more to the club which helped them claim the prestigious title.

They were part of a very strong shortlist, which also included Bryn Meadows, Clyne, Lakeside, Garthmyl, former winners Langland Bay, Milford Haven and Pennard.

Pyle and Kenfig were shortlisted last year, with a lot of their on-going initiatives helping them to earn the award

as they came to fruition in 2016.

The last five years have seen one of the top courses in Wales become much more customer focussed, which has resulted in an increase of 65 new adult members across all categories, 47 new junior members, almost half of whom were girls.

They also increased improved practice facilities, secured funding to develop a nine hole course, achieved the Golf Development Wales Junior Golf Cert and delivered community outreach programmes.

The club's junior team won the junior inter-club team championship, while they co-hosted the Amateur Championship in 2016 and will host the Ladies British Open Amateur Championship this summer, as well as the Senior Open qualifiers.

"It has been an

incredible five years, almost a roller coaster ride, because we were desperately trying to get people into the golf club," admitted club captain Roger Parsons.

"We improved everything so when people came to their local club, they felt it was something special, somewhere they would want to be a member.

"This is an historic award for us, the first time we have ever had the recognition. It is an accolade we are proud and privileged to achieve as a golf club. I am just lucky as I happen to be the captain this year, but the committee and everyone has worked tirelessly."

Meanwhile at the GCMA Golf Club Management Awards, the Team of the Year prize, sponsored by Golf HR and presented by Carolyne Wahlen, went to Pyle and Kenfig - secretary Simon Hopkin, professional Dylan Williams and head greenkeeper Paul Johnson - who have had a huge impact at the south Wales club, and at the 2017 Golf Foundation Presidents' Awards, the Bonallack Award went to Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club for creating a pathway that has resulted in a significant increase in junior membership at the golf facility.

AB

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC CONGRATULATE THEIR WELSH PLAYING CONNECTION

BRIDGEND Athletic RFC would like to congratulate Rhys Webb and Josh Navidi on their selection to start in the Welsh team against the All Blacks last Saturday.

Unfortunately, Rhys was concussed early on but Josh received excellent reviews.

Rhys Webb's involvement with the Athletic under-7s through youth and a few senior appearances for the Athletic, acquiring caps at all age groups between 16 and 20, before gaining 29 senior Welsh Caps to date and two British Lions caps, is well documented.

What is less known is that flanker Josh Navidi, a pupil at Brynteg Comprehensive school with an Iranian father, who has business interests in Brackla, and a Welsh mother, played mini and junior age group rugby with the Athletic up to the age of 16.

He was very complimentary in a recent interview of the coaching he received while with the Athletic age groups from our ex-starlet Lee Davies. Lee the son of former Bridgend and Wales wing Lynn Davies, himself a former senior Athletic coach, who played 188 senior Athletic caps scoring 92 tries and 377 points.

Josh left the Athletic to attend St Bede's College in New Zealand to help further his

rugby education.

He returned at 18, joining the Blues Academy and played for Wales under-18s on eight occasions, captaining them in a win against France. He has made 122 appearances for the Blues region, scoring 90 points.

He gained his first Welsh cap on June 15, 2013, against Japan - incidentally another Athletic youth player Scott Baldwin also won the first of his 34 caps in the same game.

In this autumn series Josh had an excellent game against Australia and came on as a substitute against Georgia.



WALES 18 ALL BLACKS 33

A 30TH STRAIGHT WIN FOR NEW ZEALAND OVER WARREN GATLAND'S MEN



A very different game, but the same result... THE ALL BLACKS FIND ANOTHER WAY TO BEAT WALES

by PHILIP IRWIN

THIS writer was born in January 1953, so I am one of that rapidly-shrinking group of Welsh people who can claim that we beat the All Blacks in my lifetime.

Clearly, I don't remember it too well, but my father was there (or so he said).

Around the same time (1950) the 'Peanuts' cartoon strip began, and it had its own oval ball running joke.

Each football season, Lucy would take Charlie Brown out and offer to hold the ball – American football-style – so that Charlie could kick a goal. Then, she would pull the ball away at the last minute, leaving Charlie sprawled on the ground feeling disappointed and foolish.

Each year Charlie would find some chink of light – something that would persuade him that this year it would be different.

That just about sums up Welsh rugby's experience with New Zealand.

After all, if Welsh Charlie had been told that his team would have 65 per cent possession and 70 per cent territory, he would kicked that ball with renewed hope.

But the final score was 33-18. Five All Blacks' tries to two Welsh.

After the game, the experts were encouraging. Wales' new expansive game was developing, and the passing by the forwards had been excellent, and ball retention good.

Josh Navidi had a transformative game, one that pushed him up into a different league.

The attacking play was promising, although former Wales fly-half and TV pundit



Gareth Davies squeezes in for Wales' final try.

Jonathan Davies said that the backs needed to 'fix' opponents and run less laterally. Nevertheless, there was much to build on, and important injured players to return.

Warren Gatland, speaking after the game, said that failing to close down the two All Black wingers was a big issue.

That was indisputably true. Two tries were scored by the muscular Naholo on the right, and two by the brilliant Rico Ioane on the left.

Indeed, Ioane was involved in four of the tries. He made the midfield break for Naholo's first, slipping the ball to the electric Aaron Smith, who switched the ball out right to Naholo.

In the second half, it was Ioane's break down the left that saw three Welsh defenders tackle him, giving Lennert-Brown an unopposed run in after Ioane released the ball.

His own first try will probably give Dan Biggar an uncomfortable time until the Six Nations – wondering if Warren will want to look at another outside half, while Ioane's second was just stunning – as slick a move as you could wish to see, finished with real pace and power.

However, the worrying question is,

if Wales did put extra efforts into shutting down the wings, would that just open up space for outside half Beaden Barrett and full back McKenzie? They both had quiet games, but with a little extra space, who knows?

Jonathan Davies went as far as to describe Barrett as "not interested" but he was there when needed.

Early in the game he raced back to clear up after a Welsh kick ahead and, in a reprise of last week's crucial tackle on Stuart Hogg, there was a moment, after 17 minutes when Hallam Amos seemed to be in the clear, only for Barrett to appear from nowhere to tackle him into touch.

Looking at my notebook, I can't recall a game when so much happened. In the first seven minutes we had Wales pressing constantly, Barrett racing back to foil that kick ahead, and then a three-minute period when Wales were well on top – but with no scrum half.

Rhys Webb left the field then for a head impact assessment, and was replaced by Gareth Davies, who had an excellent game, including scoring a try in the final 10 minutes when the All Black captain, Sam Whitelock, was in the



Owen Williams was cool and calm throughout.

bin.

Halfpenny kicked a penalty after that first seven minutes, but you can't help feeling that a clear-headed Webb might have orchestrated a try.

The first half continued in that vein. Welsh pressure was punctuated by two All Black trips upfield to score Naholo's two tries. Each time he used his power to dismiss challenges from first Steff Evans, and then Leigh Halfpenny.

Would a George North on the left wing have made a difference? Who knows, but Steff



Rico Ioane goes over for the killer try after a stunning three-quarter move. ALL PHOTOS BY HUW EVANS AGENCY.



Josh Navidi has moved up a level after his performance against the All Blacks.

minutes of excellent play by Wales.

Soon after, Ioane intercepted Biggar's pass and Charlie Brown was well and truly on his back, pondering what a cruel world it can be.

This week it's South Africa – without Wales' English-based players, as it's not an official international weekend. A 2-2 record

would be acceptable, whereas a 1-3 return would cause more anguish.

Following Welsh rugby isn't easy.

One final thought – it strikes me that the All Blacks are over-doing the Haka these days. This year's went on so long I'm surprised there wasn't an interval.

Evans is contributing hugely to Wales' new style.

Wales scored a superb try of their own, straight from a lineup with Owen Williams as first receiver, with Dan Biggar on the run-around feeding Hallam Amos, who made a clean break before passing to the supporting Biggar, who put Scott Williams in.

It was a classic Welsh try, and Halfpenny's conversion attempt would have given Wales a half-time lead, but it stayed at 12-11 to the All Blacks.

The half time stats were amazing. Wales made 43 tackles and New Zealand 95. That disparity grew wider in the first four minutes of the second half, which once again was non-stop Welsh pressure.

My notebook showed (48 minutes) "Welsh handling v v good".

Then, at 55 minutes, it simply said "Exhausting game".

Sadly, the next entry was "Ioane, brilliant offload (or maybe lucky)". Either way, Lennert Brown was under the posts and it was 19-11. A cruel lack of reward for 20